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TV cameras to monitor village life

By ALICE THOMSON AND PHILIP WEBSTER

VILLAGE life could be monitored by video cameras under new powers to be given to parish councils to prevent rural crime.

Parishes will also be allowed to pay for special constables, to use rates money to improve home security for vulnerable people, and to provide local transport.

At the same time, struggling village post-offices and corner shops will be given a £5 billion lifeline — with the rates for some shops halved — under government plans to improve rural life to be announced in the Queen's Speech today.

At the moment, Britain's ten thousand parish councils are allowed to deal only with issues such as allotments, bus shelters and litter bins. But ministers believe that giving them more responsibilities would be one of the best ways

to tackle crime. Under the Bill to be introduced by the Environment Secretary John Gummer, they would be encouraged to work more closely with the police. They could contribute to th costs of recruiting, training equipping neighbourhood special constables, or they might spend their rates video surveillance and

other security measures. They would also be given a greater say in planning applications and he allowed to advertise bus services, give taxi fare concessions and set up car-sharing schemes. The costs of such powers would be modest, and would be financed through the parish precept which is added to the local

council tax bill. "The Bill aims to shift responsibility from county and district councils and Westminster down to the grassroots," an Environment

Department official said. Thousands of struggling village post-offices, which are closing at the rate of one a day. and general stores would also get help. Shops will qualify for 50 per cent rate relief if they are the sole retail outlet in a village with fewer than 3,000 inhabitants and if they have a rateable value of £5,000 or less. This should save some

6,000 local shops an average of E500 a year, and local authorities will also have the power to remit rates altogether. The mandatory 50 per cent cut would be financed wholly by the Treasury, but district councils would have to meet 25 per cent of the cost of any further relief.

Colin Blake of the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters, who said: "This is very good news. Many post-offices are struggling to keep going. the school, the chemist and the pub have gone. They are often the last means of holding village life together."

Ben Plowden of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, also said that any help was welcome, but added: There are a lot of other pressures on them which need to be dealt with, such as out-oftown supermarkets which

take away their custom." The Bill to boost village life will be one of 13 announced in the Queen's Speech at the start

of the last parliamentary session before the general election. John Major will hail the programme as one for "decent men" and cite the new powers for parish councils as an example of the way the Government was trying to create opportunity for all while emphasising a greater sense of

personal responsibility. The battle for the moral highground - brought into sharp focus by the Frances Lawrence manifesto this week appears certain to dominate today's Comons debate in which Tony Blair will attack the Government's record on crime and other issues. In a direct reference to Mrs Lawrence's campaign he will say that "a fractured society will not be healed by the people who fractured it".

The atmosphere was further strained last night when Labour criticised the Government for leaving proposals to combat stalking and child abuse out of the Crime Bill and relying instead on private member's Bills through.

Today's programme will contain Bills to crack down on benefit fraud and crime, and a big education Bill to allow grant-maintained schools to select up to half of their pupils. There will also be legislation to establish a national crime squad, to improve safety at seas, and to make firms rather than the taxpayer bear the burden of compensation payments for accidents at work.

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Scared women freed after week in jail

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

TWO women jailed for contempt because they were too frightened to give evidence against a man accused of causing grievous bodily harm were freed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Sarah Holt, 20, had refused to testify against her former boyfriend, Alex Fryatt, who was accused of beating her unconscious. She was jailed for three months for contempt at Chelmsford Crown Court after the case against 19-yearold Mr Fryatt collapsed. Her friend, Sophie Bird, 22, was sentenced to two months.

But yesterday the Court of

Appeal ruled that the trial he burst into the flat, and judge had not followed the attacked her. She was where he would not be able, thou, and frightening behaveour procedures. The punched, kicked and had CS for a substantial period of iour on more than one occawomen had been foolish and contributed to their predicament by not making the trial judge aware of the intimidation to which they had been subjected, but after hearing "the clang of the prison gates" closing behind them a week ago they had suffered enough.

The appeal court had been told that Miss Holt had for three years had a stormy relationship with Mr Fryatt, who had convictions for violence, and she had on several occasions called the police to get him out of her flat. On April 12, it was alleged,

which caused her to spend six days in hospital. While there, she gave a statement to the police, but she then became the victim of a series of threats, including one with a knife.

In his judgment, Lord Jus-tice Roch said that Mr Fryatt's defence "would have proved incredible to a jury", but without the women's evidence. the case was bound to fail. "This was a serious case and

the person responsible for Miss Holt's terrible injuries is a dangerous person who

Judge Pearson had not followed guidelines relating to He should have adjourned

the trial overnight with a clear warning to the women about their refusal to testify, Lord Justice Roch said. But instead, he accepted that the case against Mr Fryatt had col-lapsed and held the two women in contempt.

Lord Justice Roch concluded: "These young women are good character and have been subjected to a terrible

gas sprayed in her face, suffer-ing a broken jaw and bruising other young women." But but have been in prison for more than a week and have suffered the trauma of hearing the clang of the prison gates behind them."

Afterwards Miss Holt's grandfather, Len Holt, said: The girls are very nervous but delighted to be out. They are thankful the appeal court has seen fit to correct an injustice. They are young girls who have been extremely frightened." The two women, from Waltham Abbey, Essex, were driven away by represen-

Franco-German plan for EU veto

France and Germany urged Britain to accept a scheme for side-stepping the EU national veto or face other countries uniting in common actions outside the Union.

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Plans for a National Lonery waw on Wednesdays in addinon to Saturdays will be announced today by Sir Peter Davis, director of Oflot, the lottery watchdog Page 6

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Government faces defeat as Lib Dems opt for guns ban

By Philip Webster, political editor

THE Government's hopes of avoiding defeat over its new gun control curbs suffered a blow last night when the Liberal Democrats came out in favour of an outright ban on handguns. The overwhelming view of

the party's 26 MPs was that there should be a full prohibition. Jim Wallace, leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, announced after a meeting of MPs at Westminster last night. They will be given a free vote and Mr Wallace called on the Government to allow Tory MPs similar freedom. Nearly all the Liberal Dem-

ocrat and Labour MPs are likely to vote for a ban not only

on larger handguns but on also the 22 pistols which the Government had hoped to exempt provided they were kept securely at licensed clubs.

Last night's decision means that a relatively small rebellion by Conservative MPs could mean defeat for ministers on one of the key Bills to be announced in the Oueen's speech today. Mr Wallace said the Liberal

Democrats had been influenced by the attitude of the Police Federation over the practicability of enforcing the Government's proposals. "In addition, given the stringent requirements on gun club security, the Government's

position was tantamount to an outright ban and therefore unsustainable.

Last week the Government announced that 80 per cent of handguns would be banned and the rest could now suffer the same fate.

The British Shooting Sports Council, which covers ten associations representing about a million people, is urging members to lobby their MPs and will hold rallies over the Government's proposals.

The council is also gathering information from clubs and gun dealers to assess the cost of a ban - and plans to take the fight for compensation as far as possible.

Teachers in vote to expel 60 pupils

By David Charter and Kate Alderson

COUNCIL officials have appealed to parents not to withdraw their children in panic from a south Yorkshire school. where teachers are voting today on whether to take strike action to have 60 pupils

Staff at The Ridings School in Halifax, south Yorkshire, drew criticism from Labour local authority leaders, as Government inspectors were put on alert to save the school from chaos and officials from Calderdale Council made a plea to parents not to panic.

The Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities said the teachers had to share part of the blame for the school's poor performance. Meanwhile Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, demanded an urgent report from the Council outlining its rescue plan for

The 38 teachers to be balloted today on strike action want children they deem "unteachable" removed, but reports that 61 troublemakers had been identified for expulsion were played down yesterday. The union said a hardcore of 15 should be removed immmediately.

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How you argue is the key to marital success or failure

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A PROFESSOR has devised a test to predict which couples are destined for

divorce by observing the tactics they use to win arguments. Howard Markman, who has studied 1,000 bickering husbands and wives, told a conference of marriage guidance coun-

sellors in London yesterday that he could predict nine out of ten divorces. Couples are most at risk if they walk away from arguments or let little issues

escalate into major disputes. However, a man who resorts to a forforn sigh has learnt patience and can tame his temper, which may mean a long and happy marriage. Men are more physically angered by arguments than women, and sighing helps to calm them

One of the tactics which indicates a high risk of divorce is known as "Beam me up, Scottie" or the "Appeal to God". The husband, tired of his wife's nagging. looks up as if hoping for divine intervention to remove him from her range of fire.

Another risky method, favoured by men, is to end an argument by telling their wives: "I give up, have it your way. Just say what you want and I'll do it." Professor Markman, of Denver University, said: "We know from Neville Chamberlain and Hitler that appeasement doesn't work. It's like saying 'You

take Poland and Czechoslovakia and just leave us alone'." Appeasement often leads to pursuit the wife, frustrated that her husband has

failed to rise to her bait, throws worse complaints at him in the hope of forcing a response. "If you are not being heard, you increase the volume, says Professor Markman, author of Fighting for your

Escalation is another danger sign: a

dispute over a trivial issue quickly grows

much more serious. "You start off disagreeing about how to put the scap in the dishwasher and wind up talking about leaving." Worst is character assassination — a devastatingly hurtful remark such as a wife telling her forgetful husband: "You

should test for Alzheimer's." A cruel jibe like that can take 20 acts of kindness to Continued on page 2, col 4

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Franco-German alliance urges end to EU veto

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

FRANCE and Germany urged Britain and other less committed states yesterday to accept a scheme for sidestepping the national veto in European Union affairs or face the prospect of more eager member countries banding together in common actions outside the Union.

Ministers from the two core EU states delivered the warning when they tabled a Franco-German plan which would allow member states to pursue greater integration in foreign affairs, defence and justice. The Bonn-Paris scheme for

a more flexible union, published last week, is designed to allow more enthusiastic states to forge common policies free from obstruction by governments wielding the veto. Britain favours the principle of creating a more flexible Union in the revised Maastricht treaty, now under negotiation, but is refusing any dilution of the national veto. Already worried that European monetary union could create an elite EU "hard core", the Government wants to retain a say in every decision to set up special

That right would be absent from the Franco-German scheme, but it could come into being only if all EU states approved it at the Maastricht

Michael Portillo has decided that Britain must go ahead with Nato partners in developing a ballistic sile defence system to protect alliance troops. In a speech in Brussels today, the Defence Secretary willmap out for the first time his belief in a "theatre" ballistic system, despite the

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review, the inter-governmen-

Michel Barnier and Werner Hover, the two ministers for European affairs, depicted the Franco-German plan for "reinforced co-operation" as the alternative to a future in which frustrated, federal-minded states would start acting together outside the EU, essencreating a rival machinery.

Paris and Bonn had no ulterior motives. M Barnier insisted. They were just working to ensure that an EU of up to 27 members in the next century developed as an economic and political power. British participation in closer co-operation would make a stronger union, said Herr Hoyer. "I wouldn't be surprised if the United Kingdom co-operates because the idea of

Danes block move to fight Cuba trade law

By Charles Bremner

DENMARK yesterday de-railed the EU's hitherto smooth-running drive for joint retaliation against an Ameri-can law that seeks to punish foreign firms that trade with

Citing qualms over sovereignty. Copenhagen said it would veto measures, due for adoption by foreign ministers next week, to block the effects of the Helms-Burton Act. This, among other things, allows Americans to sue European companies that are deemed to "trafficking" in Cuban property confiscated by the Communist state since 1959. It also enables the United States to bar travel there by executives of such firms.

Insisting that its decision was final, the Danish Government said it believed that the EU move to order blocking legislation throughout the union infringed on its sovereignty. The issue is especially sensitive in Denmark because a citizens' group is pursuing the Government in the courts for handing too much sover-eignty to the EU.

flexibility is something it agrees with."

The Franco-German plan evolves from the fact that a variable-speed system already exists. Monetary union is the main example of a flexible scheme inside the EU, although membership for qualified states is not voluntary. except for Britain and Denmark. The continental powers want to avoid a repeat of joint actions completely outside the Union, such as the Schengen accord, which groups Germany, France and five other states in a system for frontier-free travel.

Herr Hoyer made clear, however, that the prime aim of his plan was to end the obstruction to EU integration that came mainly from London, as Britain was the only state which opposed any dilution of the veto. The German junior minister, who negotiates for Germany on the IGC, has been outspoken in recent months in charging Britain with obstructing the desire of the rest of the EU to move to deeper integration.

His view on the veto, shared by a majority of EU states, was reinforced yesterday by Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission. "I cannot see how we can continue with unanimous voting in a Union with 20 or more members," he told the European parliament.

The Franco-German plan, drafted under the orders of Chancellor Helmut Kohl and President Chirac, would clear the way to common actions in such areas as foreign policy and the creation of a European defence force for those countries wishing to take part. Once signed up to such a scheme, participating countries would be bound by majority voting but they could not prevent any new members from joining. The Commis-sion would continue to play its existing role as executive and initiator of legislation within the reinforced groups and the European Court of Justice

would adjudicate in disputes. Finance for common actions would be found only by participants, but the Commission's costs would continue to be footed by the EU budget.



Musicians and 14 children from Dunblane, including brothers and sisters of Thomas Hamilton's victims, at Abbey Road Studios in north London to record a Christmas version of Bob Dylan's Knocking on Heaven's Door with an anti-gun message

Spending watchdog criticises rail sell-off

By Valerie Elliott WHITEHALL EDITOR

MINISTERS turned down a proposal for the taxpayer to share in profits made after rail privatisation, according to a National Audit Office report published today.

Evidence given to Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor-General, showed that ministers blocked a plan from the rail franchising director for any excess profits to be shared between the private train operator and the taxpayer. Sir John also criticises the £39.6 million paid in advisers' fees on rail privatisation, which defied Treasury guidance.

On the decision to waive profit-sharing for the taxpay-er, his report says: "Ministers took the view that while there might be drawbacks in presentational and value-formoney terms in not being able to claw back super-profits. these were outweighed by the value-for-money incentive arguments for a more substantial transfer of risk and reward

to the private sector." Ministers argued that by allowing the new private rail companies higher rewards which would help them to run more efficient services, they would encourage lower levels of subsidy.

Sir John complains about the failure to set spending limits on the fees of firms involved in the sell-off.

He said he was unable to say whether the rail sell-off was providing passengers with better services and that it could take several years to gauge whether the public were getting a better deal from the new companies than from British Rail.

MENSINE PIER Firemen 'set _ town alight to stay busy'

Firemen in a quiet Scottish town deliberately started blazes to give themselves something to do, Cupar Sheriff Court in Fife was told yesterday. They set fire to a primary school, a commercial garage, farm buildings

and a garden shed. Sentencing was adjourned on Mark Anderson, 29, a part-time fireman at Newhurgh, who admitted four charges of fire-raising, and on Thomas Fyffe, who admit-ted one charge. A third man is being investigated.

Wrens to stay

Royal Navy chiefs made it clear yesterday that women will continue to serve at sea, despite allegations of "sex romps" on board a frigate. Sources said reports of prohibited sexual encounters between Wrens and crewmen on HMS Northumberland would be investigated.

New Manchester

A vision of Manchester as a European city with a vibrant street life centred on pavement cases and new squares was unveiled when models by five teams of architects and planners competing to redesign the city centre damaged by an IRA bomb in June went

Patient escapes

A daugerous psychiatric patient was being hunted by police last night after escap-ing from a secure hospital for the criminally insane in Leicester. The public were warned not to approach Jason Fielding, understood to be the eleventh escaper from Arnold Lodge since 1993.

Firebomb alert

Bomb squad officers defused an incendiary device sent to Judge Lockett at Preston Crown Court. It is understood that detectives are linking it to similar devices sent recently to Lancashire County Council headquarters, social services and a family protection unit.

Home win

The Arsenal and England footballer Paul Merson and his wife Lorraine are to see a marriage counsellor rather than split up. Last week they said that the player's rehabilitation from cocaine, alcohol and gambling had put such pressure on the marriage that they could not go on.

Photos banned

Diana, Princess of Wales has ordered a ban on photo-graphs of her dancing at a charity ball in Sydney next week. About 850 people have paid £500 each to attend the event in aid of heart research. It was not clear if the ban extended to Australian television, which will be present.

Opera's plea

Welsh National Opera won High Court permission to seek a judicial review over the Department of the Employment's refusal to grant a work permit to let the Chinese violinist Yi Wang, 27, join its ranks as number-four first violinist and occasional leader of the orchestra.

Back from dead

Paul Cunningham, the backpacker thought to have died from a drugs overdose in the Far East after a passport mixup, was reunited with his family at Oadby, Leicester-shire. He returned days before his scheduled funeral. "We've all been through an amazing ordeal," he said.

Pizza penalties

The footballers Gareth Southgate, Stuart Pearce and Chris Waddle have been paid about £100,000 each to star in a Pizza Hut advert, to be screened next month, making fun of their England an unprecedentedly large lead for so late in a Parliament. The Tories are running out of time.

penalty misses. All three have missed crucial spot kicks in the past six years.

relationship. children, careers, clothes and in-laws the The way couples argue is more impornext favourite topics. tant in predicting their chances of divorce Professor Markman's solution, which

Continued from page 1 put right. Professor Markman, who bases his theories on 20 years of research, made videotapes of engaged couples having arguments.

Then he uses the tapes to predict who would have a happy marriage and who would eventually find themselves in the divorce court. "Couples who are destined to divorce

are more likely to hurl insults at one

another and the men are more likely to

withdraw," he said.

"We find over time that one insult or kitchen "where there are lots of dangercharacter assassination erases five, ten or even twenty acts of kindness in a

Clues to marital success and failure

than how much money they have, their attractiveness, sexual compatability, opti-

mism or how much in love they are. Couples who marry in their teens or whose parents are divorced are at an increased risk of failed marriages. Most marital rows happen in the

ous instruments". The most common subject of a dispute is money, with

was outlined at the conference, organised by the marriage research charity One plus One, is for couples to have weekly meetings at which they can air their grievances.

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Labour is jittery, but polls flatter to deceive Tories

By PETER RIDDELL

LABOUR MPs are jittery. An NOP poll in The Sunday Times suggests a sharp drop in their lead from 23 to 14 points over a fortnight. But Labour leaders do not need to panic. There is no evidence yet of a significant change in public attitudes towards the parties. The Tories still have a mountain to climb.

Some so far unpublished polls taken by other organsations over the past ten days do not suggest that there has been any sizeable change in support. The shift in the NOP survey partly reflects a comparison between a poll taken in the afterglow of Tony Blair's successful conference speech and one taken after the Tories' success in Bournemouth. The polls quite often bounce around during the conference season.

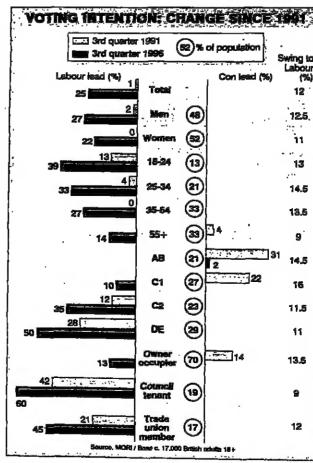
Tory support has been recovering for almost two years. but only very slowly and patchily with gains one month partly reversed the next. Since the spring, two trends have been clear: economic optimism has picked up and the Torics have won back support in professional and manageri-

al groups.

The scale of the problem still facing the Tories is brought out by the chart prepared by MORI on the basis of 17,000 people interviewed between July and the end of September. MORI has compared the pos-ition with the third quarter of 1991, at the same stage of the last Parliament. In 1991, Labour had a lead of just one point. This year it is 25 points. Among 25 to 34-year-olds — more than a fifth of the electorate — the Labour lead was four points then and 33 now. The other biggest differ-

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ences over the five years are among white-collar workers and owner-occupiers. The Labour lead among

these groups is certain to be much narrower on polling day, but that is not the point.

The key feature of the recent polls is that, despite month-tomonth variations and a slow Tory recovery, Labour retains an unprecedentedly large lead



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Two tribes went to war on day doomed school opened its doors

By David Charter and Paul Wilkinson

BATTLE lines were drawn between two rival tribes of pupils on the day The Ridings school opened, triggering its decline into one of Britain's

lowest-achieving schools.
The school in Halifax, west Yorkshire, was created in January 1995 by a bitterly contested merger of two un-successful secondary modern schools, Holmfield High and Ovenden High. Both lan-guished near the foot of examination league tables and were by aspirational

Ovenden won an acrimonious campaign to house the new school in its drab 1950s buildings on a red-brick council estate, A sixth form was planned to encourage an Alevel culture and raise hopes in an area of high unemployment. But neither pupils nor

pared to make it work.

mood of great optimism from its head teacher, Cambridge-educated Karen Stansfield. She told a local newspaper: "We are aiming for success for everybody at every level. We have experienced staff who know the children extremely well and who are committed to wealth of experience. A new head of a new school could not

ask for more. "It is a wonderful opportunity for everyone concerned because we are looking to the 21st century. We are going to be a very successful school," Last week Mrs Stansfield, 43, handed in her notice, saying she was exhausted.

From the start, although called a comprehensive, The children to two nearby grantmaintained grammar schools. Its pupils remained stubbornly loyal to their rival alma

one place. It's mad."

He claimed that pupils, some as young as 11, smoked in class and ignored instructions from their teachers or argued with them. Some children thought it fun to trigger the fire alarms or turn on fire hoses and others had filled cans with urine and rolled them across the classroom

the merger. Moreover, the combined staff did not "gel".

Examination performance

was soon worse than at either

Pupils and parents told yesterday of a system out of

control, with a breakdown in

discipline, regular vandalism

Mark Varley, 14, said: "The

teachers are useless. The school is rubbish, they should

pull it down and start again." Gareth Nibbs, 14, said: "I do

want to learn, but the teachers

Both boys said rivalries between the two former

schools were entrenched. "Kids are always fighting in the corridors," said Mark. "Ovenden and Holmfield

were already rivals, we played

each other at football and kids

from one school would always

have a go at the others. Now

they have put us all together in

do not have the right idea."

The 700 places at The Ridings have never been full. Just a dozen teenagers stay on Stansfield's hope of a new beginning with a £4.5 million dowry from Calderdale coun-cil for extra science labs, offices, an arts workshop, sports hall and a learning resource centre, has remained largely unfulfilled.

A third of the pupils left without a single qualification

pains in her abdomen and



Sarah Taylor, a mother at 13, was expelled; Karen Stansfield, the head teacher, quit as her hopes were dashed

last summer and just two of the 148 fifth-formers achieved five GCSEs, putting the school among the bottom ten for examination results in the country.

Then earlier this term 31 of the 42 staff, members of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, voted to strike if they were forced to teach a difficult 13-year-old pupil, Sarah Taylor.

Sarah had been expelled in March for pushing a teacher but reinstated by an independent appeal panel. Ten days ago she gave birth to a daughter. Chloe Melissa. Her

boyfriend, an older pupil from The Ridings, to stay over with

her from the age of 12.

Days before the planned walkout, her mother withdrew her and she is now being taught at home in a deal worked out by the council. However, three serious assaults on teachers in a week led them to organise a second strike ballot, this time calling for mass expulsions. One fe-male teacher was thumped on the arms and chest, a male teacher had a firework thrown at him and another needed hospital treatment after being pelted with stones.

In all. 61 troublemakers

teachers would settle for ex-pulsion of the hard core. Mrs Stansfield expelled a dozen pupils, some of whom were reinstated by the local author-

ity. But it was not enough. Mark Varley added: "The teachers don't do much. They are mostly scared of the kids who just tell them to get lost. Lots of kids have been suspended, ten last week, and several have been expelled. Last week four boys got sus-pended because they threw a firework in a teacher's face. Some of the teachers are all

right but most are useless." Parents are desperately try-Gillian Scorgie, 32, kept her

12-year-old son Peter at home pending a transfer to another school in Halifax. She said: "He is bullied at

The Ridings and the teachers seem to do nothing. They told me to send him back for the half-term but he did not want to go. He is not rough and ready like the others. "He came home in tears the

other day after some lad attacked him. The school didn't seem interested."

Peter said: "I wish Leculd go to school, but I don't want to

Mother defeats cellmate's claim on son's will

By A STAFF REPORTER

A SECOND World War refugee aged 80 can return to her native Poland and "live like the Queen" after a High Court of her adopted son's estate.

The judge overturned a will made by Wanda Wisniew-ska's son leaving half his property to a man be met in prison. Included in the legacy was half of Mrs Wisniewska's £190,000 home in Chiswick, London, which she had given to the son she doted on in 1990 in the belief he would survive her. However, Mr Davenport, whom she had adopted as a baby in Eastern Europe at the end of the war died aged 49 in February 1994 from circhosis of the liver. He had been a heroin addict and an alcoholic

In 1992 he left everything to should die before her, she could sell the house and "live like the Oueen" for the rest of her days in Poland.

It was only after his death that Mrs Wisniewska discovered that he had signed a will a month before he died leaving half of all his goods to Brian Brunyee, his best friend whom he had met in prison in 1969 while they were both serving sentences for cheque fraud.

Yesterday Judge Hazel Wil-liamson, QC, upheld the validwill. She said Mr Davenport had been extremely ill when he signed the later will and ruled that he had lacked the testamentary capacity to do so. At the time he was heavily

Mr Brunyee, an unem-ployed married father, from Hyde Park, near Doncaster, had insisted that Mr Davenport had wanted to reward him for his friendship over 20 years by remembering him in

strapping fourteen stone to

But the judge said she doubted whether the question of the estate being divided up equally was one that was ever actively discussed between Mr Davemport and his friend.

Bed shortage means stalker will remain near his victim

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

A DANGEROUS stalker will remain just a mile away from his victim because of a national shortage of secure mental-hospital beds.

Yesterday a judge had to adjourn sentencing of Clarence Morris, a convicted rapist with 45 previous convictions, in the hope there would be a bed available at Rampton High Security mental hospital by Christmas.

His victim, the dental nurse Perry Southall, whom he stalked obsessively for eight months, was said by her family to be very distressed by the realisation that Morris will have to be kept in a medium-secure unit in Hackney, east London, near the home she shares with her

At Southwark Crown Court, Judge Butler said that moving Morris to Rampton indefinitely was essential for the protection of the public from serious harm, but was told that while Morris was "top of the list". there would be no bed available for at least two months.

The case has already attracted national controversy after the defence barrister David Stanton suggested that Miss Southall had invited male attention by exploiting her resemblance to the "sexually active" Baywatch TV actress

Pamela Anderson. As such, unable to sleep and suffering she "ran the risk of being on the unwelcome end of male attraction". After the verdict.

Gareth Nibbs, left, and Mark Varley, both 14, who

said pupils smoked in class and fought in corridors

Judge Butler dissociated him-self from the comments. Morris, from Poplar, east London, became infatuated with Miss Southall when he saw her at a Whitechapel dental surgey. During a total of 200 incidents, he bombarded her with letters, followed her and threatened her with a

to physical injury. In court, the psychiatrist Professor Jeremy Coid said that Morris was suffering from schizophrenia and a psychopathic disorder. but would be unable to go to Rampton as the judge had planned: "Rampton is totally wallpaper scraper, leaving her



Morris and his victim, Perry Southall. Her father said: "She feels very distressed that he's so close"

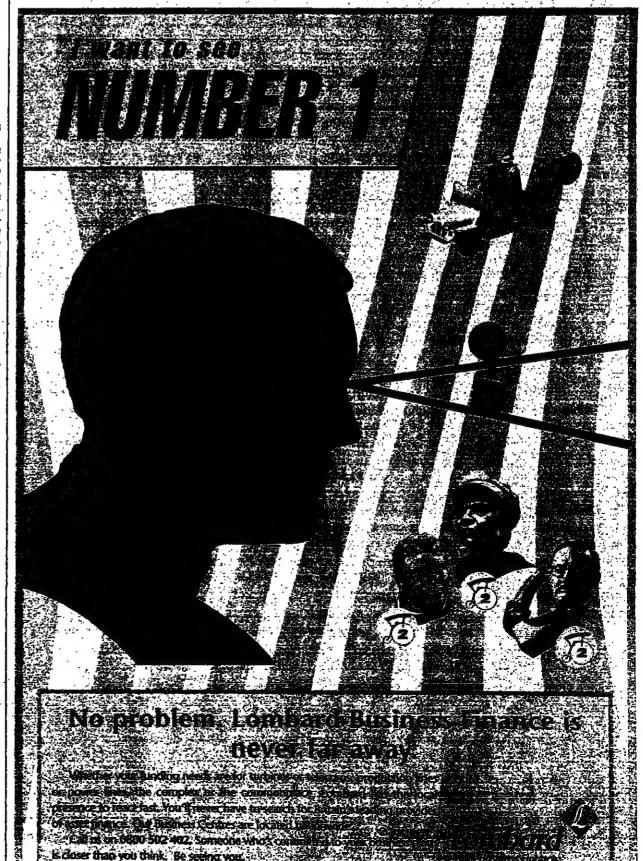
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available.

The defendant is too of the He was found guilty of causing actual bodily harm list but I can't say exactly when a bed will be available. after a jury decided her psy-Outside court, Professor Coid said there was an "acute chological damage amounted shortage" of beds in both medium and maximum-security psychiatric units. He blamed bureaucratic procedures. He added that hospitals had been swamped with pa-tients after a decision by the Department of Health and the Home Office to treat mentally ill prisoners in hospital rather than in prison.

There are three maximumsecurity mental hospitals nationwide. Rampton has 500 patients and a waiting list of nine. A spokesman said their problem was a shortage of beds in medium-security hos-pitals, which meant they could not release patients who no longer needed high security: "It is a difficult situation because we have patients who

need to be discharged."
Miss Southall's father. Mark, said: "She had relaxed slightly after the verdict, but now she feels very distressed after realising that he's so close. She feels very, very uncomfortable and has told me she won't be able to rest until she knows he is safely in



Father 'just froze' as son was beaten to death after challenging his tormentors

BY ADRIAN LEE

A FATHER told a court yesterday that he saw his son kicked and beaten to death on the driveway of the family home. Anthony Erskine, 19, had tried to intervene after two young men had taunted his father. Harry Erskine, 53, of Stratford-upon-

Avon, Warwickshire, told Birmingham wn Court It was as if he was like a football. They cronched down to start punching him. That is when I just froze. I just couldn't believe what was going on." Mark Hemmens, 20, also known as Mark Gough, and a lo-year-old who

cannot be named, deny murder. Mr Erskine said he had been walking home when Mr Hemmens taunted him. There had been previous incidents involv-

ing him and the youths, both of whom he him back onto the grass. "Hemmens then had known since they were boys. "As I was walking past he commented. 'Er-skine, I hate your guts'. I then walked on and he said again, 'I am talking to you,

When he reached his home, Mr Erskine had told his son that Mr Hemmens had been "shouting his mouth off". Mr Erskine told the court: "He said, Should ! go and sort it out dad, should I go and talk to them? I said, if you want. He said, 'I will go and talk to him. I will sort it out.

Off he went." Outside, Mr Hemmens had thrown down his bike and walked towards his son, one of twins. Mr Hemmens had begun pushing Anthony. a stockroom assistant at a department store, knocking started kicking him to the groin. There were several kicks," Mr Erskine, a factory worker. said. The 16-year-old had joined in. kicking Anthony in the head.

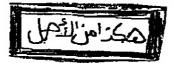
Mr Erskine said he shouted to his

oldest son, Gary. 23, for help. The two vouths ran off, leaving Anthony lying still on the ground. Gary Erskine said: There was blood on his face. He was clenching his stomach and his breathing was quite strange. There was a gurgling sound

coming into his breathing."

Cross-examined by Richard Wakerley, QC, for the 16-year-old, Mr Erskine denied that Anthony at first had the upper hand in the fight. He denied that the 16vear-old had never kicked his son.

The trial continues.



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'Brilliant' pupil found dead in bed

Oxford student, 18, may have died from cot death syndrome

A FIRST-YEAR Oxford student found dead in her college bed may have died from the adult form of cot death syndrome. Rachel Steer, 18, was found in bed in her room at St Hilda's the University's last

The Classics student, described as "wonderfully bright and cheerful", was last en by the new friends she ning. Her body was discovered after fellow students became concerned when she failed to attend a lecture.

A post-mortem examination carried out yesterday proved inconclusive, although it is understood that no signs of drugs were found. A police spokesman said: There are no suspicious circumstances. The signs are that this was a tragic death of a bright girl from natural causes.

It is understood that the coroner's investigation will examine the possibility that Miss Steer died of cot death syndrome, which is normally associated with babies. Although the pathologist has sent samples for further testing. it is believed these do not involve tests for toxins.

front of a television. Her friends were told that the adult form of cot death syndrome was the probable cause.

Yesterday Miss Steer's par-ents, Clifford, 42, and Christina, 41, left Oxford for their home in Surbiton, southwest London, after speaking to Jane Taylor, Dean of the College. Dr Taylor said: "Naturally, they are devastated by what has happened. They were talking about her throughout the morning. I don't know whether Rachel suffered from any illness. She was just a

normal, healthy teenager. Her

death is completely puzzling."
Miss Steer's fellow students were informed of her death by the principal, Elizabeth ellyn-Smith, as they sat down for dinner on Monday evening. Rachel, who had been at Oxford less than two weeks, wanted to become a barrister. At Tiffin Girls' School, Kingston-upon-Thames, she was regarded as an extraordinarily talented student who was destined for an outstanding career.

Her grandmother, Carolina Galdi, said yesterday: I received a postcard from her a few days ago in which she said Last week. Naomi Timms, how much she was enjoying 17, a student at Middleton her new life. She said she had

whose parents run a card shoo, was reading newspapers by the time she was three. She had gained ten GCSEs and three A-Level grades, including passes in Latin and Greek, to secure her entry into

Mrs Galdi added: "We were all so proud of her. She was bubbly, cheerful and never in ill health. There was never any suggestion at any time that Rachel was remotely interest-

ed in drugs."
Inspector Simon Pont, of Oxford Police, said: "It is a total mystery. This is a girl who has died in bed and there is no indication as to what has done it. She was in bed, asleep in her pyjamas. It is like she had gone to bed and somebody had just turned the light off. There is no evidence of drinks, drugs, a struggle or



Martin Amis and his girlfriend Isabel Fonseca, below, and his father's former wives Elizabeth Jane Howard, left, and Lady Kilmarnock



Kingsley Amis has the last word as literary world pays its respects

Amis yesterday at a memorial as eccentric as any chapter of the old devil's life (Damian

Family and friends piled into the church of St Martinno vicar, no blessing no prayers no hymns and but for a borst of jazz to play out

Murdoch and Sir Kingsley's former wives Lady Kilmaroock and Elizabeth Jane Martin that his father had

of his impression of Presi-dent Roosevelt addressing the British during the Second World War. The guests then

How life simply loses its beat

THE TRAGEDY of Rachel Steer has reminded everyone that sudden death without obvious cause is not confined to young children sleeping in

Sudden death is usually referred to as sudden cardiac (SCD), once other such as pulmonary emboli, strokes and overwhelming infections, particularly when associated with exercise. SCD is not used to describe only the death of those who have died of an obvious cardiac cause. such as coronary heart disease, but is also employed to cover those who have had an apparently healthy heart but who are found dead without

In these cases the patholoist is apt to describe his findings after the post-mortem examination as "inconclusive", in these cases, it is usually an euphemism for "don't know".A minor but

potentially lethal abnormality of the mitral valve in the heart is an occasional cause of death that might be difficult to detect examination.

However, the most likely origin is the sudden onset of a the chambers of the heart cease to beat synchronously and the resulting rhythm is sometimes incapable of sus-

When SCD is the result of an arrhythmia, it may be associated with abnormalities of the system which conducts the impulse regulating the heartbeat, or it may stem from the heart that stimulates the

citement has been implicated in the precipitation of a fatal arrhythmia. However, in Miss Steer's case, there is every evidence that she had had a happy, relaxed evening.





Award-winners McQueen, left, and Webb of The Times: golden year and a double honour

Alexander the great is height of fashion

By GRACE BRADBERRY

ALEXANDER McQUEEN. the East London cab driver's son who is now chief designer at Givenchy, is British Designer of the Year.

The award, presented last night at the Royal Albert Hall sets the seal on a golden year for McQueen, 27, who has had rave reviews for his Handish shows.

lain R. Webb, the Fashion shion Journalist of the

consecutive year. Nicole Farhi won the award for Contemporary Collections, while Amanda Wakely took the award for Glamour. The hat designer Philip Treacy was voted Accessory Designer of the Year,

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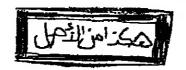
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Bottomley will not veto twice-weekly plan for lottery

By CAROL MIDGLEY

PLANS for a midweek National Lottery draw will be announced today despite past reservations from the National Heritage Secretary, Vir-

ginia Bottomley.
Sir Peter Davis, director of the lottery watchdog Oflot, will unveil the plan for a Wednesday draw in addition to the Saturday draw in the face of criticism from antigambling groups, churches and betting shops. Mrs Bottomley, who does not want to be seen to encourage excessive gambling, has the power to veto a second weekly draw but is now thought to be unwilling to attract complaints from the wider public.

A second draw will mean greater income for the operator Camelot and the good causes. But a spokesman for Gamblers Anonymous said: This is another nail in the coffin. The lottery is undoubtedly an addictive form of who spend £100 to £150 a week on the lottery and scratch-The Rev David Deeks, the

Methodist Church spokesman on public issues, said: "I think all the churches will be disappointed, especially if there is another programme on the BBC. The lottery promotes gambling. Having a lottery show on BBC is a free advertisement for Camelot, a com-

mercial company."

A spokesman for the Betting
Office Licensees Association said: "This is dreadful news for the off-course betting industry at a time when it is still struggling to recover from the damage done by the weekly draw." He called for a meeting with Treasury ministers.

A further reduction in betting duty and a lifting off bans on betting on the outcome of the lottery would be needed to prevent job loses and lack of money to fund horse and greyhound racing, he said. Asked about the second draw on ITN last night, Mrs Bottomley said: "It is not for me to make the announcement. It is for the Director-General of Oflot to make his decision. I have to be satisfied myself that all aspects have been considered.

Mrs Bottomley denied that a midweek draw would lead to excessive gambling by those who could not afford it. She said: "The amount that the average person plays is still very modest, about £2.30 a week. There is no evidence I have seen of excessive playing. That is why Parliament has stipulated there should be a regulator, so a proper check can be made."

A spokeswoman for the Department of National Heritage would say only that a decision was imminent. A Camelot spokeswoman said the company was awaiting a decision and did not want to give details about the size of the jackpots expected until it had confirmation that the competition could go ahead.

Robbery was like scene from film, says **Countess**

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE Countess of Dudley told yesterday how she was threatened with a knife by two burglars who wrenched a diamond engagement ring from her finger and escaped after emptying the family safe of jewels worth tens of thou-

Lady Dudley, 63, the former screen actress Maureen Swanson, said the robbery at her house in Kensington, west London, was almost like being in a scene from a film. The worst moment was

when the burglars demanded

the ring. "I couldn't get it off my finger because my hands had swollen up. I thought they were going to cut my finger off," said Lady Dudley. The Earl of Dudley. 76. who was ill in bed, heard his wife scream and went to her aid, only to be ordered at knifepoint to open the safe.

Trembling at the memory of the attack on Sunday night, Lady Dudley put her



The Earl of Dudley with Lady Dudley, a former actress, who was threatened with a knife by two burglars

arm around her husband and said: "I am in shock today, but I'm surviving. "At the time I wasn't really

frightened because I was seeing myself as if I were in a film. I kept thinking it would situation comedy. They didn't say "freeze" or ask me to put my hands up. but I put them

up anyway.
"I screamed and he said 'Shut up!' and I said 'Any-thing you say'. Then he said, Dudley, a former aide-decamp to the Viceroy of India, said: "I thought at first it was the police because we'd been having some trouble with our panic button. Then I realised these people didn't look like policemen." The couple,

whose home featured in Helto! magazine last week, doubted that this had anything to do with the robbery. The police told us there had been a similar burglary around here a few weeks

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Europe calls for longer limit on sex abuse cases

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Government yesterday to review a time limit that has ing her adoptive father and his son over sex abuse they inflicted on her as a child.

The court said the Government had not breached the rights of Lesley Stubbings, a mother of two, by setting a sixyear limit on the right to bring civil proceedings. But in their ruling, which ends Mrs Stubbings's nine-year battle to bring a civil action, the judges said it was perhaps time to re-examine the rules to take account of the problem of child abuse, which may occur many years before a victim is able to

take action over it. The six-year limit was fixed in 1954, when child sex abuse was a little known phenomenon. It applies to claims for intentionally inflicted injuries. The limit for victims of negligent injuries, such as road or work accidents, is three years,

but it can be extended. Ms Stubbings, 39, suffered severe mental problems from the age of 19, the court was told. It was only years later that she linked her psychologi-cal difficulties with repeated abuse between the ages of 3 and 14. Although she won her case for compensation in the High Court, the House of Lords ruled that she had

brought her case too late. The European court said that the time limit imposed under British law - claims must be launched within six years of reaching 18 - was fair and proportionate". It was right to apply limits, the

judgment said, to ensure "legal certainty and finality" and to protect potential defendants from "stale" claims that might be difficult to counter.

Tony Fisher, Ms Stubbings's solicitor, said: "Obviously I am unhappy about the judgment. I want to see the basis on which they have come

to this decision." Ms Stubbings would have had to lodge her claim for compensation by the age of 24, but it was only in her late 20s, while watching a documentary on incest, that she made the link between her problems and the abuse. She underwent three years of psychotherapy before beginning proceedings in 1987.

After winning her case, and then losing it in the House of Lords, she turned to Strasbourg, arguing that the rejection of her claim because time had run out breached the human-rights convention. The European court said it was not for it to establish what the most appropriate most appropriate policy should be about the rights of access to a court. The six-year limit was not unduly short. "It was proportionate to the aims sought to be achieved; this was apparent from the fact that if the applicant had commenced action shortly before the expiry of the period, the courts would have been required to adjudicate on events which had taken place approximate-

ly 20 years earlier. The court also rejected claims by three other women who had made similar complaints after their attempts to seek compensation





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Family life could be history in century of the single person

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HOUSE prices will plunge and the family home be a thing of the past as Britain becomes a nation of single people, a conference about life in the 21st century was told

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yesterday. Professor Richard Scase said that shared family activities such as anniversaries, keeping up with the Joneses, dinner parties for colleagues and looking after the elderly were all declining activities.

Although another 4.4 million housing units are going to be needed over the next two decades, 80 per cent will be for the rapidly growing number of people who want to live on their own. The biggest growth will be among single men, who will number one in three

Professor Scase, who teaches organisational behaviour at Kent University, told the conference, held in London to celebrate the 50th anniversary of new towns, that electronic goods would increasingly turn the home into a leisure and work centre, with shopping, book and newspaper reading and even visits to the doctor carried out on the small screen. Virtual reality would make it possible to "visit" museums and tourist attractions around the world. Dependence on electronies would replace dependence on the

Professor Scase said house prices would fall because the end of a predictable work pattern meant people would lack the confidence to take on a mortgage. Instead, they would settle for basic accommodation and invest in pensions.

David Arkless, vice-president of Manpower, the world's largest non-governmental employer, predicted that a 20year-old today must expect to retrain for at least three careers during a working life which would have to lengthen because of falling population.

tinue to be a major trend in the

developed world, but job uncertainty meant an end to company loyalty with the new generation of workers less motivated by money than by variety and creative employment. "Our present class system will be replaced by another in which families will be either work-rich, or workpoor," Mr Arkless said. John Gummer, the Environ-

ment Secretary, said it was necessary to question the need for so many new homes. Calling for a great debate on the way forward, he said: "Is the lifestyle we are creating sustainable in a way that we can continue to develop without cheating on our children or grandchildren? Maybe we have to go back and rethink the needs. If we go on like we are these islands will be covered in housing. I do not believe in the suburbanisation of Britain and as Secretary of State I do not want these houses to be built all the way across the country."



Helen Cousins leaving court yesterday. She had warned teenagers to avoid drugs

Drugs fine for woman in Ecstasy warning

By RICHARD DUCE

HELEN COUSINS. woman who warned young people that drugs were not worth the "dance of death" after she nearly died from taking Eestasy, was fined £100 yesterday for possessing amphetamine.

Cousins, 20, from Peterborough, had pleaded guilty. In a statement issued after she appeared before Newmarket magistrates, her lawyer said: "She sincerely hopes that it does not detract from the very clear message that there is nothing to gain by taking drugs of any kind." Cousins was in a coma for

two days after taking Ecstasy at a New Year's Eve nightclub party. Before she was discharged from hospital she issued the warning to other young people and said that she would not take drugs again. Five months later she took amphetamine powder with friends and was then injured in a car accident. Police found a tin in her car which contained white amphetamine powder.

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Leukaemia and water pollution 'not linked'

BY NIGEL HAWKES

EXPERTS in leukaemia found no evidence to link a water pollution incident eight years ago with three cases of the cancer at a school, the local health authority reported yesterday.

In a separate investigation, a team from Bristol University found no link with electromagnetic fields from an overhead power cable near Sir John Smith's Secondary School at Camelford, Cornwall, or with radon levels.

In July 1988, water supplies to 20,000 people in the Camelford area were polluted after 20 tonnes of aluminium sulphate were accidentally dumped into the wrong tank at a water treatment works.

The Cornwall and Scilly Isles Health Authority said that the Department of Health's committee on carci-nogenicity had reviewed the information and found no reason to believe there could be a link between the leukaemia and the pollution.

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Scientist condemns diesel as pollutant

BY NICK NUTTALL

DIESEL buses, taxis and vans must be cleared from city streets if air pollution is to be banished, according to a senior Meteorological Of-

Richard Derwent, a member of the Department of the on air quality standards, said more revolutionary thinking was needed to encourage environmentally friendly fuels, such as natural gas. Diesel engines produce mi-croscopic flecks of soot increasingly linked with breathing difficulties and heart attacks.

Dr Derwent, based in the office's chemistry and atmo-spheric modelling section, said: "We have to look a buses, taxis, coaches and light goods vehicles. We have to into something else." He will outline his concerns tomor row at a meeting of the National Society for Clean Air in Brighton.

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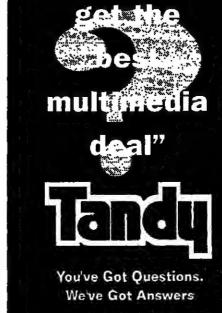
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Labour accuses Home Secretary of cynical attempt to prevent cross-party unity over law and order

. Howard 'playing politics, not protecting vulnerable'

BY PHILIP WERSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE political battle over morality intensified last night when Labour accused Michael Howard of trying to create conflict over law and order in the run-up to the general

general and made on the con-

The unity between the parties that greeted Frances Lawrence's call for a national crusade against violence was broken as Labour spokesmen attacked the Home Secretary for not including measures against child abuse and stalkers in the Crime Bill to be unveiled in today's Queen's speech. Mr Howard has instead suggested that he hopes the proposals can become law

A LITTLE-known charity

which has been quietly pro-

moting citizenship in

schools through books, de-

bating competitions and

courses was at the centre of

unprecedented media atten-

The Citizenship Founda-

tion, set up in 1989 by a

solicitor, Andrew Phillips,

and funded with £35,000 by

the Bar Council found itself

in the spotlight as all polit-

ical parties sought to em-

brace Frances Lawrence's

Helen Driscoll, the foun-

citizenship agenda.

Government-supported Private Member's Bills. Labour said he was leaving

them out of the main Bill so that he could concentrate on areas such as minimum sentences, where he could highlight differences with opposition parties. It accused him of going back on a Tory conference pledge to introduce a national register of convicted paedophiles.

Peter Mandelson, Labour campaigns chief and MP for Hartlepool, said the murder of a three-year-old girl in his constituency two years ago by a man with a background of sexual problems had highlighted the need for action. "In

Spotlight falls on charity

that has crusaded for years

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

"We have been bombarded

The message about citizen-

ship has been steadily get-ting through anyway, but

this is likely to mean more

people will take it up. It is

The foundation, run from

an open-plan room in West

Smithfield, London, pub-

lishes materials to promote citizenship in schools which

could form the basis of

citizenship teaching as part

of the national curriculum.

The materials are used in

both primary and secondary

- the phone hasn't stopped.

the week that the Government Frances Lawrence's worthy campaign, their actions have spoken louder than their words," he said. "When it comes to morality they talk

tough and act weak."

John Hutton, a Labour member of the Home Affairs Select Committee, said Mr Howard knew he could get Bills through on child abuse and stalking within days but refused to do so. "I am deeply suspicious that Mr Howard will not do anything that appears to unite the parties in fighting crime. This is an act of cynicism by a Home Secretary

standing of morals, the fam-

ily, the law and community.

ready taken up the founda-

tion's primary-schools pack, You, Me, Us, which was

piloted in 40 schools. The

foundation's best-known

project is the inter-schools

mock trial" competition,

which this year was oversub-

scribed: 200 schools applied. The charity is strictly non-

aligned - with Tony Blair

on the board of trustees.

Paddy Ashdown having

"close contacts" and Nor-

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The Home Office has al-

party politics than bringing in laws to protect some of the most vulnerable people."

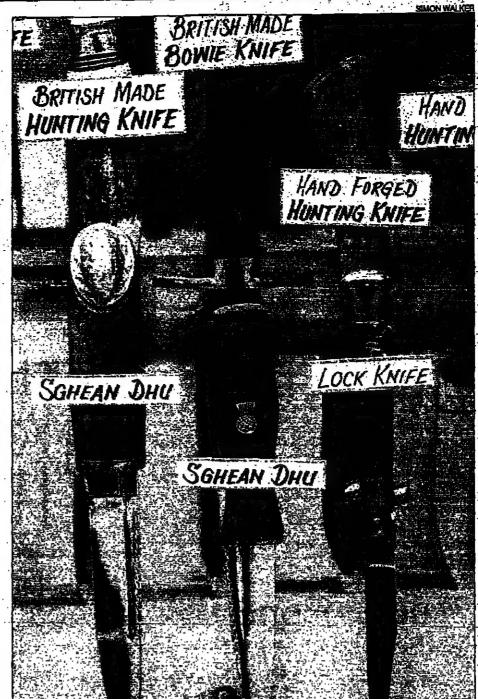
Donald Dewar, Labour's chief whip, said Mr Howard knew it was impossible to guarantee that a Private Member's Bill would become law. "People will clearly feel severely let down by what he is doing," he said.

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, gave a warning that continuing the policies of the past 17 years risked Britain becoming ever more like inner-city America. Referring to Mrs Lawrence's call to rebuild "this fractured society", Mr Brown said that in Britain today there was a culture of failure, an assumption on the part of people and the Govern-ment that people would fail in education and fail in jobs. He said: "No politician can avoid his or her responsibility to do what they can to help to rebuild the fractured structures of our society."

Mr Howard insisted that

the proposed new law would get onto the statute book faster it was handed to a backbench MP to pilot through the Commons. He gave warning that it would fare better if kept separate from the Crime Bill, which would be contentious and might not get onto the statute book until the end of the Parliamentary session. Yet, with full government backing and widespread support from all parties, he argued that a Private Member's Bill on sex offenders would be on the statute book swiftly.

William Rees-Mogg, page 18 Letters, page 19



A shop window in London: it was impossible to single out combat knives

Knife ban ruled out by unclear definition

By RICHARD FORD

MICHAEL HOWARD has found it impossible to draft laws to make combat knives illegal because of the difficulty of defining the weapons.

The Home Office considered a ban earlier this year after the murder of Philip Lawrence, when the law on carrying knives was tight-ened. The headmaster's wife, Frances, urged a ban as part the deterioration of society.

Officials advised the Home Secretary, however, that it would be impossible to make combat knives illegal because they often could not be distinguished from knives used for

legitimate purposes.

The Home Secretary has promised action if the problem of definition can be overcome. but has decided to deal with the problem by concentrating on the people carrying knives and on the circumstances in which they are found. As a result, lettial knives are still available over the counter in shops in England and Wales

and by mail order. The Offensive Weapons Act. which received Royal Assent in July, makes it illegal to carry an offensive weapon or length in schools and banned the sale of knives to under 16s.

Lady Olga Maitland, who introduced the legislation, said that she had tried hard to persuade Mr Howard to ban combat knives. The problem is that combat knives are often indistinguishable from knives used by divers or in fishing." she said. "It proved impossible

Plans to prosecute child sex tourists left out of 'get tough' Crime Bill

By RICHARD FORD

PROPOSALS to give courts the power to prosecute British people for child sex abuse committed abroad will not be included in the Queen's Speech today, in spite of a promise by ministers to introduce gislation as soon as possible.

The measure is one of several aimed at clamping down on the sexual exploitation and molestation

of children which had been expected to form part of the Government's flagship Crime Bill, which will be published on Friday.

Instead, the Bill will focus on proposals for tougher sentencing, including automatic life sentences for second-time rapists and minimum jail terms for third-time burglars and drug dealers.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, was strongly criticised

by Labour and children's charities yesterday for his failure to include a number of measures to tackle child abuse in the Bill. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, accused Mr Howard of reneging on promises to bring in a register of child sex offenders and to allow prosecutions in this country of people suspected of committing child sex abuse abroad, particular-

ly in the Far East. As disclosed in

The Times, provisions for a national register of sex offenders, the extension of DNA testing to allow. samples to be taken from all convicted sex offenders in prison. enforcing sex offenders to notify the police of any change of address, and making it an offence for convicted paedophiles to seek employment with children, will not now be included in the Bill.

Mr Howard, defending his deci-

offenders could be introduced by a Private Member's Bill and that. with all-party agreement, it could quickly become law. It is understood, however, that the other proposed measures will be left out the Private Member's Bill because of the financial implications and the complexity of the issues involved.

Kidscape, a children's charity.

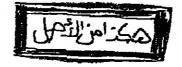
sion, said that the register of sex was dismayed at the news and offenders could be introduced by a accused the Government of putting burglars before paedophiles. Michele Elliot, the director, said: "It is all very well to take care of burglars on their third offence and give them a harsh sentence, but what about

psedophiles?"
She added: "If there was a classe." of heing burgled or having paedophiles dealt with I would take the latter. Paedophiles are a danger to children all their lives. For the Government to make dealing with burglars a priority is completely wrong. The National Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Children said it was appalled at the Government's decision. The Government remat show a commitment to bring ing in all measures possible to protect children in the UK. a statement from the society said.







Inept handling of BSE crisis blamed for 30 per cent drop in price of cattle

Angry farmers take their beef to MPs as Commons reopens

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

:UP TO 2,000 farmers will gather in London today to bring their grievances to the attention of MPs at the state opening of Parliament.

A rally at Central Methodist Hall, followed by a lobby of the House of Commons, will reflect the mood triggered by what farmers see as inept handling of the BSE crisis. In recent weeks rural protesters disrupted the Tory party conference in Bournemouth and the police had to rescue Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, and William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, from angry farmers.

Martin Howlett, who keeps about 150 beef cattle at Deer Park Farm at Luckett, Cornwall, was in Bournemouth and plans to be in London today, "Farmers have always grumbled but usually to each other in the pub or at market," he said. "Taking to the streets is not the first thing we think of unlike the French. We prefer to talk through problems but desperation is setting

beef farmers, such as Mr Howlett, who feel they are being punished for a problem not of their making. He has not had a single case of BSE, essentially an affliction of dairy herds, but has been hit by low prices just the same.

Feelings are running particularly high in southwest England, where cattle are the lifeblood of farming. It is also the region with the biggest backlog of cattle over 30 months old awaiting slaughter and incineration because they are deemed to be at higher risk of developing BSE. Farmers like Mr Howlett

are, for the most part, lifelong Tory voters but say they will not turn out at the next election. Sir Robert Hicks, the retiring Tory MP for Cornwall South East, said: "I have warned the Prime Minister that there are up to eight marginal Tory seats of an essentially rural character in the West Country south of Bristol where a swing of 5 per cent or less would be enough for them to change hands."

Even Sir Robert's own seat, which would be vulnerable to a 6.5 per cent swing, might not be safe.

The National Farmers Union said yesterday that 60,000 hill farmers were suffering dramatic income losses because of the effect of BSE. Farmers were being forced to market their cattle for up to 30 per cent less than a year ago. Kevin Pearce, the NFU's northeast regional policy ad-

viser, said: "In early sales, hill farmers have been selling steers and heifers for fattening for between £325 and £400 a head, which is up to £150 less than last year." Cattle sold for staughter are fetching £425 to £500, compared with £575 to £675 last autumn. Farmers with cattle over the age of 30 months, which can no longer be sold for food, are facing even sharper price falls.

Good returns on sheep owing to increased demand for lamb, have partly offset beef losses but lamb prices have fallen back sharply in



Martin Howlett, with Union Jack, demonstrating outside the Tory conference

A novel account of one woman's battle against asthma



EDWINA Currie's novel, A Woman's Place, has recently been published in paperback. The book has prompted re-newed interest in the MPs health. Her explanation that flat feet are responsible for the backache from which she suffers when she has to stand at a cocktail party or reception is thin, although possible. It would be very rewarding to see a scan of her spine to find the real cause of her back pain. However, the account of her battle against asthma makes good medical sense.

Mrs Currie attributes her father's death to smoking and consequent cardiovascular



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

disease. Whether or not her father's death, presumably from coronary arterial disease, was in part the result of tobacco, or whether he had coexistent pulmonary disease is not recorded. But his addiction to tobacco is very likely to

have contributed to his daughter's asthma in childstarted it in the first place.

Mrs Currie dwells on the importance of the house mite as the trigger for asthmatic attacks and also on her det-

fections, which can also start her wheezing. In her account of her medical history Mrs Currie mentions the three great instigators of asthma attacks in children: exposure to tobacco smoke, the house mite, and viral and bacterial infections. Mrs Currie was perhaps unlucky in that she entinued to wheeze in adult life. A recent study by Dr James Paton of the University of Glasgow suggests that 60 per cent of children who wheeze before the age of three will have stopped before they are six. Those who continue to wheeze thereafter, and probably have true asthma, tend to have a family history of atopy. a tendency to pick up various asthma, eczema or hayfever. Several episodes of wheezing in the same year, respiraattacks of wheezing, breathlessness during attacks and a liability to wheeze without catching a cold, are signs that the toddler may continue to wheeze even into adult life. The mechanisim by which asthma is triggered by upper respiratory tract infections is unknown, although there is some similarity between these

The world on a plate for Britain, the spice island

snapped up at Europe's biggest food fair. There is British pizza, British pastas, salsas, pittas, tortillas and ciabattas, topped off with the traditional British conlashes, curries and bar-

A nation that only ever found limited success in exporting the Yorkshire pudding and the Cornish pasty is discovering that the secret may lie in developing

Novelties from British exhibitors at the Salon International Alimentaire in Paris include Sri Lankan spice cakes from the Bay Tree Food Company, Amer-ican muffins from Fletchers' bakery, Italian style ice ereams made in South Wales, handmade flapjacks taces from La Mexicana in Aylesbury. Chinese ready meals from Derby, and California cakes, Arab breads and Caribbean products pre-pared in Hertfordshire.

There are American cheesecakes from Worksop, and exotic soups from the New Covent Garden Soup Company, whose products sell in France as Soupe du Jardin.

The group most vigoro ly waving the flag for Britain are suppliers of Indian curry pastes and spices and ready meals, many of whom are already large-scale ex-porters. "We will be breaking out the champagne tonight, promised Rod Entwistle of Abel Eastern International, which ex-ports gas-flushed longlife packs of naan bread from Cumbernauld in Scotland. "We've had several large orders from major confinental retailers already." Fakhruddin Suterwalla.

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BRITISH food is being pany of Southall, Middlesex, said: "An advantage of working from Britain is that we have an open market for ingredients. They can be very expensive in India and we are often able to find better quality cheapcloser to many of the most

interesting markets."

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Most ambitious of all is Patak's, a company whose chairman and chief executive, Kirit Pathak, has one simple goal: to make Patak's the biggest brand of Indian food in the world. Mr Patak started 40 years ago packing food parcels for Indian families in other countries in a shop behind Euston Station. Now his firm has three factories and 3.000 representatives "knocking on doors and breaking down barriers" in 70 countries, and a turnover of £30 million.

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Dominique Mine, direc-

tor of Food from Britain in France, said: "The most significant cuisines from Britain are Chinese for cheapness, Indian for more sophisticated tastes, and Mexican to appeal to the young." British manufacturers took an estimated £75 million in orders at the 1994 fair. This year, the target is at least E100 million

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Wilde: film received

Funding injection for film industry

By CAROL MIDGLEY

PLANS to use £156 million of National Lottery money to fund four film projects over eight years were announced by the Arts Council yesterday. The scheme is intended to alter the "ad hoc" nature of

film production in Britain. Charles Denton, chairman of the Arts Council's new Lottery Film Advisory Panel, said: The film industry in Britain is very rich in talent and creative ideas but constantly in danger of being overwhelmed by the Holly-wood studios. The proposed franchise arrangements present an exciting opportunity to invest significant lottery funds in British film production, which will allow producers to plan commercially

across a slate of films." Since Lord Gowrie, the Arts Council chairman, announced lottery funding for films a year ago. 43 projects have been part-financed with £22.6 million. They include £1.5 million for Wilde, about Oscar Wilde. At a lower level, £12,500 went to Pride, a short film set in

The Arts Council said funding would remain limited to 50 per cent of a film's cost. Up to four franchises to be set up next year will be eligible for a maximum of £8 million in each of their first three years. and a maximum of £5 million for three years thereafter. Individual projects will still be Senior recruits to the clergy renounce materialism for spiritual satisfaction

Vicars grow older as young lose faith in church careers

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

THE Church of England is becoming increasingly dominated by grey power, as older people turn to it for a second

Men and women, often married with grown-up families, find the Church attractive because they get a guaranteed job for life, plus a house and expenses for car and telephone. But more importantly, being a vicar provides a sense of emotional security and spiritual satisfaction hard to find elsewhere.

This is inspiring many also to take redundancy or early retirement and offer themselves for full-time but unpaid ministry. Sometimes, such clergy will be given a house and expenses, but no salary, Many enjoy renouncing high wages, big houses and all the trimmings of previous careers in favour of serving God and the community.

While clerics such as the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are relatively young compared with many of their predecessors, a dearth of young recruits means the clergy is growing steadily older. A church report published yesterday shows that the number of candidates for ministry aged under 30 has slumped

from 162 to 95 in five years. while the number aged over 30 a long-term decline.

While there were nearly has increased to 74 per cent of

the total. More than half of all candidates are now aged over 40, while in 1956 just 25 per cent of those ordained were aged over 40. Church leaders, while welcoming the older recruits because of their valuable experience in secular life, are now taking steps to attract younger people and yesterday urged dioceses to set up pilot schemes to tempt more to become vicars.

Until this year, when the number of candidates increased by 30 per cent, the Church had been faced with a long-term decline in numbers wishing to become clergy. The recent drop in numbers coming forward for ordained ministry is almost wholly represented by a drop in candidates in the 20 to 30 age range," the report says.

According to the report, Recovering Confidence: The Call to Ordained Ministry in a Changing World, the number of ordinations has fallen from more than 700 a year a century ago to fewer than 300 a year at present. Although there was an increase in the 1950s and early 1960s, this is

now thought to have been a statistical aberration masking

20,000 clergy under 65 in 1901, there are now half that number, with numbers projected to fall to fewer than 9,000 stipendiary clergy by 2001. "The large number of ordinations in the early 1960s formed a cohort of clergy who are retiring in large numbers in the late 1990s and not being replaced," the report says.

The report describes a "dramatic fall in numbers offering themselves for the fulltime Anglican priesthood, from 609 in 1991 to 357 last year. Many are discouraged by financial insecurity in the Church, which is still recovering from losses in the 1980s. One reason for the declining

numbers of younger entrants is the attitude among some in the Church that youngsters should gain experience before seeking ordination. Young people also have to wait longer to find permanent jobs and often delay marriage for a decade longer than their parents. "It is hardly surprising that traditional assumptions are discarded," says the re-port. "They no longer fit the



After: the Rev Ross Garner, priest-in-charge at Bredbury, Greater Manchester

Banker relinquished £100,000 a year for curacy



Before: Ross Garner as a City banker, where the

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

ONE of the new breed of Anglican vicars is the Rev Ross Garner, 38, who gave up a £100,000-a-year job in the City of London for a stipend of £14,000. Mr Garner, an Oxford graduate who previ-ously worked for Citibank and the Hong Kong Bank, made a living on the highly pressured capital markets. By the time he was 31, his asic salary of £80,000 was posted with bones payments of £25,000. He and his wife, a midwife now training to be a teacher, had, a house in Hackney and a home in the country and took annual skilng holidays. They also gave a substantial proportion of their income to charity. including the Church.

Mr Garner has put his financial acumen to good use by starting up a credit union in the inner-city area where he became a curate, helping to transform the lives of hundreds of people. Mr Gar-ner, who became a Christian at university, said: "I felt a strong calling at that stage just to declicate my life to God in whatever sphere I ended up. As I got involved in my local church in Hackney I felt

at Bredbury. Greater Manchester, in the Chester diocese, a socially mixed parish

"I would not say I have any regrets, although I miss some of the creature comforts. The house in the country has gone. The company car, a Volvo 740, was very pleasant but now I drive a Volvo 340. I miss the skiing holidays.

"I enjoyed my work in the one of the things I didn't like was the pressure to make bigger and bigger profits. Even, where the market would not tolerate bigger profits, you were expected to

"But my call was a pull factor, not a push factor. The call was to be involved in the leadership of the Church. I think the Church needs leadership. I enjoy the opportuni-ty to see lives transformed. I could do deals involving millions and millions of pounds and it would not noticeably

"Now, I see people discovering faith and finding hope, where before perhaps they were struggling to see the meaning of life. Like people discovering the dignity which comes from understanding they are a child of Cod 2000. they are a child of God?

Museum to return sacred skull

The tattooed head of a Maori tribesman is expected to be returned to New Zealand after 120 years at Sheffield City Museum. It has not been on display for a decade, following a complaint. Councillors will be asked for their approval on Friday. The Museum of New Zealand said the head was sacred and that ceremonies would have to be conducted on

Wind farm first

The biggest wind farm in Europe, a 56-turbine develop-ment near Carno, Powys, will he switched on today. The National Wind Power project will generate enough electric-ity to power 25,000 homes.

Distant saviour

Clyde coastguards assisted a rescue 2,500 miles away when they picked up a mayday call from a trawler off Liberia, 120 miles north of the Equator. They relayed the signal and three ships responded.

Rail victims sue

Victims of the Watford train crash, in which one person died and 70 were injured in August, are to sue rail authorities. However, the break-up of British Rail may delay claims for compensation.

Eigg hope fades

With a month to go before the sale of the Hebridean island of Eigg for C2 million, residents hoping to put in a bid have raised only £63,000. The islanders are now banking on being awarded lettery money.

Brake for birds

A fifth of all pheasants is wiped out each year by cars, says the AA, urging drivers to slow down on autumnal rural roads, busy with young birds, and avoid the damage that can be caused by an impact.

Water thief fined

A Maidstone man was fined £200 for taking water via a hose from a hydrant to fill his

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FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

apologised twice yesterday to President Chirac after scenes in Jerusalem's Old City during which the French leader. his face flushed with fury. shouted at Israeli security men who, he claimed, were provoking him. M Chirac, on a six-day Middle East tour. threatened to cut short his trip to the Jewish state.

At one point during a tense tour more reminiscent of crowd control during a foot-ball riot than a VIP visit, M Chirac was seen with elbows flailing trying to get through the phalanx of Israeli guards that dogged his every step. He had previously infuriated the Government by making an impassioned plea for Palestinian self-determination. In the afternoon Rehavam

Zeevi, a right-wing Israeli deputy, stormed out of the Knesset when M Chirac entered. He accused the French President of being an "anti-Semite" more interested in visiting the "PLO gang" — a reference to his address today before the 88-seat Palestinian legislature, the first by a foreign head of state.

Despite desperate attempts by aides to brush over the differences, observers said the events had overshadowed M Chirac's attempts to put himself forward as a Middle East

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU seem to understand that he cannot come here and lecture to us and expect to get away with it," one official said.

Trouble began when a visibly furious M Chirac failed to dissuade scores of heavyhanded Israeli security men who insisted on accompanying him to Muslim and Christian holy sites. The President, who had demanded only light security", claimed the Israelis were deliberately pre-

6 Chirac does not seem to understand that he cannot come here and lecture to us 🤊

Palestinians. "This is a provocation. Stop this now. Do you want me to go back to my plane and go home to France?" the M Chirac protested in English to the head of Israeli security, having earlier fumed in "I am starting to have enough of this." Journalists who regularly report on M Chirac in France said they had

The Israelis had been angered by his refusal to go on a tour of the Old City with Ehud Olmert, the right-wing Mayor and Likud deputy, asserting France's view that the international community does not recognise Israeli sovereignty over Arab east Jerusalem,

captured in 1967.

Reaching the entrance to the Temple Mount, holy to Jews and to Muslims, M Chirac made one of four unsuccessful attempts to shake off his Israeli guards. The French leader, lampooned in a Jerusalem Post cartoon as wearing Arab clothing, tried to push them away from the compound gate but the security men would not budge.

Addressing the issue of Jerusalem — which many in the French delegation saw as the root cause of yesterday's problems - M Chirac told the congregation at St Anne's Church, officially designated as French territory: "This city must remain open — open to the Christians of Palestine and to the Christians of the world. Open to all religions."

Later his expression was wooden as Mr Netanyahu blamed the security on nervousness by Shin Bet security service after last year's assassination of the Labour Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin. "It is done for a good cause. To protect a friend," he said.



An angry President Chirac tells an Israeli guard at Jerusalem's Temple Mount to go away

Prickly President boosts image as heir to de Gaulle.

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE spectacle of a temperamental French President rufliing feathers and holding on the international stage is one to warm the hearts of patriotic Gaullists, and the recent performance by President Chirac in Israel has been a calculated "tour de force".

M Chirac's blunt advice to Israel to accept the creation of a Palestinian state, return the Golan Heights and give Europe a role in negotiating the Middle East peace process
— not to mention his vigorous "contretemps" with Israeli security guards — may have upset his hosts and infuriated the United States, but his provocative stance has played well in France, reinforcing his image as heir to the prickly Charles de Gaulle.

M Chirac has a knack for appearing to speak on behalf Europe while upholding French interests, in this case the policy of carving a larger role for French diplomacy in the Middle East.

"In just a few months, the French President has acquired unprecedented popularity in the Arab world, allowing him present himself, with ope in his wake, as a pole of influence distinct from the American superpower considered too favourable to Israel," Libération newspaper noted

yesterday.
In the last few months, M. Chirac has put American noses out of joint: by sending the Foreign Minister, Herve de Charette, to conduct paral-

lel peace negotiations in Lebanon; by distancing Paris from US air-strikes on Iraq; and, most recently, over the recent trip to Africa by the US Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, which one French minister described as a thinly-veiled election play.

Swis deal full

While the US may see M Chirac's pungent remarks during his current tour as unhelpful grandstanding, his actions have underlined the domestic belief that France still has a significant role to play in world affairs while consolidating political and economic ties in the region.

The pro-government Le Figaro applauded what it called M Chirac's "message of historical optimism" to Israel. while Le Monde has also backed him for raising France's profile in the Middle East, noting that "for the United States, the region is a

The French Prime Minister. Alain Juppé, told MPs yesterday that Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had apologised for the behaviour of security guards protecting the French President. "There were incidents today in Jerusalem's Old City caused by the forces, but these must not make us forget the essential message of peace and friend-ship for all the peoples of the region which the president went to express in Jerusalem and all the Arab countries," M

Tax pledge saves Kohl from crisis

CHANCELLOR Kohl's Christian Democrat party yesterday ing budget crisis by calling for a complete overhaul of Ger-many's tax system, slashing the top rate of income tax from

53 to 35 per cent. The proposal was overwhelmingly approved by the Christian Democratic party conference in Hanover and adds yet another item to Herr Kohl's already top-heavy political agenda, which includes the single European currency. a general election, reforming the welfare state and the pension system, creating more than a million jobs and moving the capital to Berlin — all before 1999.

Now radical tax cuts are also part of the programme a move which erodes one of the few individual features of Herr Kohl's junior partner, the Free Democrats.

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, welcomed the idea but warned delegates that the tax reform had to be accompanied by huge and inevitably unpopular reductions in social spending. The governing Christian Democrats, he said

had to find the courage to make such cutbacks. The Christian Democrat plan is to discard the present

complicated pattern of tax write-offs and thus expand the revenue base. Top rates would be chopped, while the bottom end would also drop from around 25 per cent to below 20 per cent. That will certainly increase the party's chances against the Social Democrats. who have been deliberately vague about their tax plans.

Wolfgang Schäuble, the Christian Democrat parliamentary floor-leader and Herr Kohl's likely crown prince, tried to remind delegates that a tax cut policy was not an

easy option.
"Vested interests will pull out all the stops to keep their tax exemptions. Some erstwhile allies who patted us on the backs may now run for cover," he said. But none of the predicted problems could outweigh the perceived gains.



Helmut Kohl and Wolfgang Schäuble yesterday

Clinton backs date for Nato expansion

BY MICHAEL EVANS

PRESIDENT CLINTON gave his personal backing yesterday for Nato to take in new Eastern European members by the end of 1999.

The entry date target is now seen to be the official policy of the alliance. Mr Clinton's support for the 1999 timetable. coincide with Nato's fiftiethy anniversary, will send a strong message to Moscow that the alliance's expansion will be going ahead, despite

Russian opposition. Making his first foreign policy speech of the election campaign, Mr Clinton said in Detroit: "America will be stronger and safer if the

democratic family grows."

Bob Dole, the Republican challenger, accused Mr Clinton of "foot-dragging" on the issue and said some former Soviet bloc nations should be admitted by 1998.

☐ Bosnia doubt: A Nato pledge to maintain a substantial number of troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina to help safeguard the municipal elections may have to be revised after the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which is responsible for supervising the polls, said last night said that they might have to be delayed from next month until next spring.

Malcolm Rifkind, the For-

eign Secretary, made clear yesterday that the Nato-led Implementation Force would not be able to stay indefinitely while a new date for the elections was arranged.

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Chiantishire rises up against threat of industrial revolution

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

BRITISH and American residents of Chiantishire are up in arms over plans to tear up part of a picturesque Tuscan valley planted with vines and olives in order to build an industrial estate.

The area, known locally as Campomaggio (May Field), forms the backdrop to Bernardo Bertolucci's atmospheric hit film Stealing Beauty, starring Liv Tyler and Jeremy Irons. The campaign to prevent industrial encroachment has the support of Matthew Spender, the sculptor and son of the late poet Stephen Spender, who has lived in the area for 25 years. His strikingly sculpted wooden figures feature prominently in the film.

This is a very, very bad idea," Mr Spender said. "It is entirely inappropriate for an unspoilt part of Italy which has somehow managed to preserve its beauty."

The campaign to save Chiantishire from the bulldozers also involves James Beck, an American professor of fine arts, who recently lambasted the Italian authorities for failing to preserve the Giotto frescoes in the Scrovegni Chapel at Padua.

The Chianti region is one of the most important in Tuscany," Professor Beck said. "It is an international treasure which has miraculously survived the past 2.000

The row follows publication of plans by the town council at Radda-in-Chianti - often referred to as the capital of Chianti - to transform a tract of land along the river Pesa between Lucarelli and Radda into 14 million cubic feet of factories, workshops and warehouses. La Stampa said the development would "stick out like a sore thumb amid the harmony

produced by centuries of tran-quillity in the Tuscan hills".

A petition signed by foreign and Italian residents - including the film directors Vittorio and Paolo Taviani. whose Nights of San Lorenzo is set in Tuscany - has the backing of environmental groups such as Legambiente and Italia Nostra.

English expatriates keen to preserve the area's character include Lord Lambton, who retired to Italy in 1973 when scandal ended his political career: Paul Smith, the fashion designer, and Dame Muriel Spark, the author.

A spokesman for Radda-in-Chianti town council said it had to respond to "the demands of economic sectors in difficulty". But the protesters said they would enlist the help of ArtWatch International, an influential pressure group, and would appeal to the



Swiss made secret deal on Holocaust funds with Poland

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

SWITZERLAND did conclude a secret deal with Poland which allowed unclaimed assets of Polish Holocaust victims to be used to compensate Swiss citizens whose property was nationalised by Poland after the Second World War, according to documents re-

leased here yesterday. Embarrassed Swiss government officials were yesterday forced to withdraw an earlier denial, which had followed accusations made last week by Alfonse D'Amato, the chairman of the American Senate Banking Committee.

Researchers have found a previously undisclosed proto-col attached to a bilateral 1949 compensation treaty that shows Jewish money was used to compensate Swiss citizens, a Swiss Foreign Ministry spokesman, Hans-Rüdi Bor-

Details of the treaty and accompanying letters dis-closed earlier by the Swiss dealt with a Polish piedge to pay about SwFr53 million Swiss francs (£26.5 million at the current exchange rate) to compensate for Swiss assets and property in Poland seized by the then Communist regime. In a separate exchange of letters between diplomats. the Swiss promised to liquidate unclaimed accounts opened by Polish citizens during the Second World War, and to pay the funds to Poland. But after journalists came across another document the Foreign Ministry yesterday published additional archive material, including two secret protocols to the 1949 treaty, which paint a less innocent picture.

The protocols suggest that part of the repayment could be made from money sourced in unclaimed private Polish accounts in Switzerland. The money was to be transferred to the Polish central bank and then repaid via account 'N', held by the Swiss National Bank in Warsaw. The protocols give a detailed list of property owned by Swiss citizens and companies in Poland.

The complex nature of the arrangement, and the fact that it was kept secret, have fuelled

Lawyer fined for war crime denial

Paris: Eric Delacroix a French lawyer and revisionist historian, was convicted yesterday of "contesting crimes against humanity" for publishing a book in which he existence of gas chambers in Nazi Germany. Delacroix fined Fr20.000 (E2.500). (AFP)

speculation that government officials knew they were dealing with a sensitive issue at the

The revelation has shocked members of the Swiss parliament, including those close to banking circles. The documents indicate that diplomats effectively bypassed the country's democratic institutions and supplemented public treaties with a series of behind-thescenes deals involving private

Jewish groups in Switzer-land, which have so far taken a more moderate line than their American and Israeli counterparts, reacted with dis-may, "Each time Switzerland says it is not true, then they come forward and say it is true," Thomas Lyssy, vice-president of the Swiss Federation of Israelite Communities,

The Foreign Ministry is continuing to search through official archives for more evidence. There is no indication so far of the amount of money that muy have changed hands. One of the secret protocols of 1949 indicates that about SwFr2 million lay in unclaimed accounts,

An independent panel, set up by the Swiss banks and the World Jewish Congress, is investigating the fate of accounts held by Holocaust vic-

Sport mirrors war on Afghan battlefield

Factions scrap for trophy of ruined city

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FROM CHRISTOPTIER THOMAS

AFGHANISTAN'S warmongering is like a game of buzkashi, the national sport. There are no rules, no limits to the number of combatants, no winners, no time limits and no fixed boundaries. The objective is to wield power and to dominate. There are always casualties.

In the larger field, the pruspects for a ceasefire in Afghanistan faded last night. Fighting continued throughout the day a few miles north of Kabul, the capital, as intensive Pakistani-sponsored mediation began to falter. The next few days could be decisive in the success or failure of the peace efforts,

Away from the fighting, this is the start of the huzkashi season, when whip-cracking men with flowing turbans, long heards and fine horses thunder around a roughlymarked area of ground, leaning with heads precariously at stirrup-height, lunging at the headless and hoofless carcass of a goat or sheep - the "bail" in this contest of uninhibited

The point, such as there is one, is to possess the carcass for as long as possible and to try to dump it in the goal circle, but rivals soon grab a leg or a torn chunk of flesh and yank it away in a clamour of dust and hooves. Victory



An Afghan horseman seizes his chance to race with the carcass while doing battle on the buzkashi field

lasts for only a moment until somebody else takes the prize. It sums up Afghanistan.

Whoever occupies Kabul, automatically unites the rest of the country's jealous factions against them. So it is with control of the carcass in huzkashi. The rider who briefly possesses it is immediately besieged, and the bloodied spoils are liable to split into pieces as a dozen hands grab it - like Kabul since 1992, when the current anarchy began.

There follows a muddled battle, with unshed hooves

smashing at men's fingers buried in bleeding goat or sheep flesh, for what is now a ruined and partial prize; also like Kabul, which resembles Hiroshima after the bomb. At the end of buzkashi the carcass is no less intact.

The game developed in northern Afghanistan during early Mongol migrations and from 1953 various Kabul regimes promoted it, giving it an official status and even. at one point, the hint of a rulebook. Genghis Khan had a novel

he used the live bodies of his enemies. It is said, but nor proven, that Afghans used captured Russian soldiers in a similar fashion during their country's occupation by the former Soviet Union in the

Buzkashi means "gootsnatchers", and games are held to commemorate circumcision ceremonies, religious festivals and weddings. Champion goat-snatchers are

The game, which has

North West Frontier Province of Pakistan, is a rite-of-passage for young men in the tion of Afghanistan's equestrian culture, still visible in the countryside where the horse provides transport across rough country.

Many of Afghanistan's tough-looking fighters have yet to come of age; what they are doing on the battlefront they will soon be doing on the buzkhazi battlefield – almost as dangerous and equally

Dostum revels in his role of peacemaker and powerbroker

IN MAZAR-I-SHARIF AFGHANISTAN

TANK barrels and anti-aircraft guns bristle from every mudbrick fort and hilltop redoubt in this dusty central Asian town where General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the fabled Uzbek leader, rules his powerful northern mini-state.

While much of Afghanistan lies in ruins after nearly two decades of war and fracticidal conflict, Mazar-i-Sharif is booming on the back of trade with the newly independent states of what was once Soviet Central Asia.

The bazaars teem with imported consumer goods. Camels, donkey carts and Toyota ck-up trucks min bands of General Dostum's

As the fate of Kabul hangs in the balance, the focus is now on General Dostum. The advance of the radical Islamic Taleban has been halted, but the outcome remains unclear. General Ahmed Shah Ma-



Dostum: has little time for Taleban's zealots

sood, the leader of the Tajik Mujahidin, is launching his final assault on Kabul, but he is not strong enough to take the city on his own, and Taleban forces are too weak to push him back.

General Dostum holds the balance of power, and he is playing his hand cautiously. His offer of a ceasefire with the Taleban militia has not inhibited him from pouring tanks and soldiers south to re-enforce General Masood's defensive positions.

Like most Uzbeks, General Dostum has little time for Taleban's zealots of the south. Armed and financed by Pakistan and America, Taleban is seen here as a foreign invader and therefore no better than the Soviet forces who occupied Afghanistan during the 1980s. The 800,000 inhabitants of

Mazar like General Dostum's liberal Islamic regime. His soldiers have a legendary fondness for vodka and women and the female population is free to dress and work

as they please. Driving around his northern stronghold in his armourplated Cadillac, the warlord is revelling

"Dostum the peacemaker". His ambitions are great. He could even emerge chaos as the country's new ruler, bringing fame and fortune to his countrymen not men first conquered Afghanistan in the 14th century.

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General's frank confession puts two South African presidents on the spot

FROM R.W. JOHNSON IN JOHANNESTRARG

THE testimony by General Johan Van der Merwe, the former Police Commissioner, that he was instructed by the Government of President P.W. Botha to carry out a terrorist bombing in Johannesburg is by far the most shocking revelation yet to be made before South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The revelation has had a far greater impact than the testimony of such self-confessed hitmen as

Eugene de Kock and Dirk Coctzee, and not only because the general, head of the security branch at the time of the bombing, carries a much higher rank.

Until now there has often been a self-serving tinge to the stories of apartheid atrocities, with former hit squad members eager to buy ANC favour by implicating whoever happens to be in its bad books that week. None of this applies to General Van der Merwe, who has

not been convicted on any charge but who apparently wants to make a clean breast of things before his past catches up with him.

Since the Commission's hearings began, the real question has been whether President Botha would be implicated. Everyone knew he was far too much of an autocrat for atrocities to have occurred without his consent, but there has been a lack of testimony linking high-level figures to what happened on the ground.

Now not only the Commission but President Mandela face some

tricky decisions. The Commission has announced that it will subpocna the former President if he does not step forward to give evidence. But Mr Botha is in his eighties, unwell, and has been living quietly

in retirement for seven years. He has made clear he has no time for the Commission and it would be perfectly in character if he were to ignore a subpoena in the same intransigent way that be ignored world opinion for more than ten years as President. Would the state really wish to imprison him for contempt? President Mandela has sought a good working relationship with Mr Botha and might well have reservations about what such action might mean for the dignity of the presidential office.

Moreover, Mr Botha still carries some dout on the Afrikaaner Right and the sight of their former leader being humiliated, and perhaps even imprisoned, would be highly provocative to many. including those still in the army and police.

Against that, however, there is the stark horror of a President of a

country ordering a terror bombing in the streets of his own largest city, a fact now vouchsafed by General Van der Merwe, another pillar of Afrikaanerdom. It is likely that most respectable Afrikaans' opinion will recoil indignantly from association with such a crime, although Mr Botha's defence would doubtless be that he was conducting a war against an enemy which at that time was carrying out similar atrocities.

There is another game in progress here, too. Up to now only low-level hitmen had been fin-

gered by the Commission, and they have shown considerable indignation against their superiors who gave them orders but now stay silent. General Van der Merwe has stepped forward to protect his lower level operatives. agreeing to shoulder his part of the blame provided the politicians

carry their share 100.
If Mr Botha and Adriaan Vlok. the former law and order minister. refuse to do so, it seems likely that General Van der Merwe could compel their co-operation by producing further revelations.

Former police chief says Botha ordered bombing

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission threatened yesterday to subpoena former state President P.W. Botha to give evidence about apartheid crimes in which he is being implicated, unless he co-operated with

their investigations. The warning follows the testimony of Johan Van der Merwe, the former Police Commissioner, before the the commission, which is investigating apartheid crimes.

General Van der Merwe said he had received orders from Mr Botha, via Adriaan Vlok, the former Minister of Law and Order, to bomb headquarters of the Council of Churches, Khotso House, in 1988 and was given Cabinet approval to supply boobytrapped explosives to antiapartheid activists.

Dr Alex Boraine, deputy chairman of the commission, said in a statement yesterday that Mr Botha would be invited for "discussions" with the commission in order for him to provide the fullest possible information about the claims. If no positive response was forthcoming, he warned, the commission would not hesitate to use its powers to subpoena Mr Botha.

There was no immediate response from Mr Botha, who has refused to co-operate with



Botha: no response to Commission's threat

commission on the grounds that he has nothing to answer for, and warned that anyone planning to bring him before the commission should

come well armed. The allegation by the former police commissioner comes after testimony by Eugene de Kock, a former leader of the Vlakplaas hit squad, who told a court that the order to bomb Khotso House was given by

6 The Truth Commission will not relish having to arrest a frail, senile former leader 🤊

Mr Botha. General Van der Merwe gave his testimony in support of amnesty applica-tions by five of his former officers who had voluntarily appeared before the commission in an attempt to pre-empt criminal proceedings being brought against them in connection with more than 40 murders committed in the service of apartheid.

The officers were part of the Vlakplaas police unit led by



Van de Merwe: gave damning testimony

Brigadier Jaques Cronjé, who made an appeal on television to former and serving police to confess to the commission.

To win amnesty the police

must convince the commission that their crimes were politically motivated. At the opening of the hearing, the men called on their superior officers and National Party leaders to admit that they had authorised illegal acts to keep themselves in power, casting doubt on an assertion by former President F.W. de Klerk that he had been unorised atrocities.

Brigadier Cronjé, accused of 27 murders, told the commission yesterday that eliminating government opponents was generally accepted behaviour and never repudiated by police headquarters, the state Security Council, Cabinet or the Government.

The latest revelations have added weight to claims that senior apartheid leaders had full knowledge of, or gave tacit approval for, killings and human rights abuses. The commission regards the appearance of the five officers as a coup, which could prove a decisive step forward.

Certainly the hearing had brought the commission closer to fingering the former National Party Cabinet and Mr Boths, but whether or not this hearing truly is a turning point in uncovering the truth

No time frame has been put on dealings with Mr Botha and the commission will not relish having to arrest a frail, senile former leader in what could prove a politically deci-

By the same token, General Van der Merwe has only oplied for amnesty for the Khotso House bombing and the grenade incident, and rather dubiously claimed that Mr de Klerk had not been aware of any of the illegal operations.



A hungry child symbolises the plight of many in Zaire

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FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

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FBI officer on the case, said:

"How individuals can reach conclusions having never seen the wreckage brings a new twist to the information

Business means bribes in Zaire's ruined economy

Clare Brennan reports on how increasing poverty and corruption in Zaire is reducing the country to chaos

CHAOS in Zaire begins in the capital Kinshasa and spreads throughout the country. From the moment you land at the airport, you are made aware that government employees are not paid enough to live on: armed soldiers block your exit if you do not accept the help of their friends who offer to collect your passport and luggage in return for "un petit

In the car park, armed men in uniform gather round your car to discourage you from moving off without giving them a contribution towards the cost of a drink. The taxibuses full to overflowing with passengers stop at main junctions to pass a wad of notes to the helmeted traffic police-

A militiaman called at a convent I visited to tell the nuns that President Mobuto was gravely ill and who knew what might happen if he were to die; he, the militiaman, might have to come back and kill them. On the other hand, if they were to give him some money, he could protect them. A few days later, the same man brought his small child to the convent, saying that he desperately needed a transfusion but did not have enough money and demanded they give it to him.

A doctor working in a hospital in the Bandundu region said: "I waited a year and then was paid \$4 (£2.50). At first, when our pay stopped coming through, the doctors and teachers went on strike. Then we realised that that didn't make any difference. So we mark up the medicines by about 80 per cent.

We can't screen blood for Aids, because the test costs \$2 and we cannot afford it. I worry about the children."

It is becoming increasingly difficult to travel to the interior along disintegrating roads left unrepaired. A journey that took one day in 1992 might

now take between two and four. Few people have access to a car, so most have to find a lorry going in their direction and pay the driver.

Small traders, who used to supply villages with soap or cloth or other basic goods, have had to give up their businesses because the transport is so poor and the rate of inflation so chronic that they cannot make a living.

Villagers have to subsist on what they can cultivate or find in the forest. If they have any surplus to sell, their only outlet is the infrequent lorry. whose driver can set a price without fear of competition.

Lack of commerce leads to chronic shortages. At the start of term one typical village school, where there are no textbooks and children are taught by rote or copying information from a blackboard, had to send a pupil on a five-hour hike to the nearest mission to ask for chalk.

The uniformed men in the airport seemed to have lost interest by the time I left. instead, a group of people in plain clothes insisted I follow them down a dark corridor to a small room to be politely questioned and searched. Who were they, I later asked the uniformed customs women. Nothing to do with us. Maybe it was the police."

This second search ended. as had the first, with a question: "Avez-vous un petit cadeau pour nous?" ☐ Rifkind response: Britain

would not support an African peacekeeping force unless the initiative came from Africa itself and the force had the egitimate authority of the United Nations, Malcolm Rifkind said yesterday (Michael Binyon writes). The Foreign Secretary was speaking after meeting Leon Kengo Wa Dondo. Prime Minister of

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-WORLD SUMMARY

Rwandan refugees flee camp

Nairobi: Nearly 10.000 Rwandan Hutu refugees fled a camp near the eastern Zairean town of Bukayu vesterday for fear of being attacked by Tutsi rebels lighting Zairean troops further south, a United Nations spokeswoman said.

Bukavu, with 22 camps for Rwandan and Burundian Hutu refugees that hold 307,000 people, has been unaffected by the chaos in Uvira. 65 miles to the south, where the fighting sparked an exo-dus of 221,000 refugees — with some fleeing towards Bukavu. Earlier yesterday the UN evacuated 48 aid workers from Uvira. (Reuter)

Boat people' to be sent back

Hong Kong: At least 1,000 Vietnamese "boat people". from a refugee population of 11,260, are to be forcibly removed from a detention camp. here in the single biggest operation of its kind, before moving to prison as a prelude for repatriation the following week. Similar exercises in the past led to violence. (AFP)

Qatar has new crown prince

Doha: Sheikh Hamad ibn Khalifa al-Thani, the Emir of Qatar, appointed his third son, Sheikh Jassem, 18, as crown prince, a post that had been vacant since a bloodless palace coup last year. An army officer. Sheikh Jassem graduated from Sandhurst last month. (AFP)

Prisoners killed in Caracas riot

Caracas: More than 30 prisa fire at a jail here, the Venezuelan Justice Ministr said. Antonio Malval, the ministry's director of prisons, said the National Guard fired tear gas to disperse the inmates and a fire started. (AP)





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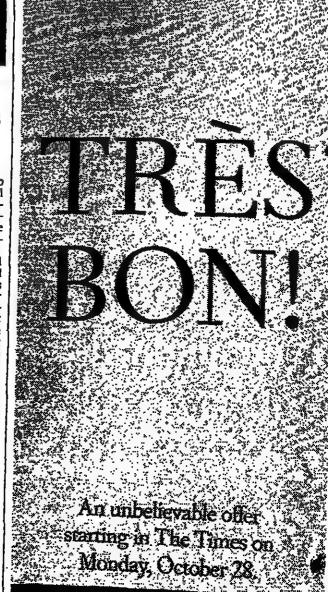
New York: A medical group accused the pop star Paul McCartney and his wife Lin-da, who has received treatment for cancer, of double standards over their opposition to research on animals.

Americans for Medical Progress, a Virginia-based group, said the McCartneys were, by their support for People for the Ethical Treatment of Asianala. ment of Animals, in effect expressing opposition to the very types of research that enabled cancer sufferers to receive chemotherapy.

Americans for Medical

Progress is funded partly by donations from medical supply companies. The McCartneys could not be reached for comment.

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rebel over US job and race quotas CALIFORNIANS are poisted to ban the use of quotas to helpminorities and women, in a vote as controversial in the

Golden State as the presidential ballot itself Supporters of Proposition 200, which would make it illegal to take race or sex into account in awarding jobs, college places or public contracts, hope the move will spread to other states after the presidential election.

When California passes a ballot on a significant issue like this, other states tend to follow," says Jennifer Nelson. campaign spokeswoman. Together with an earlier move to curb benefits paid to illegal immigrants, the proposed block on quotas is seen as evidence of the political clour of California's conservatives. particularly its "angry white men", which could resonate in other states with high immigration or unemployment.

At the same time, in a reflection of the strong liberal tradition of northern California, the state looks like passing a law to legalise marijuana for medical use. The propositions, among 15 in a state ballot to be tacked on to the November 5 presidential election, have prompted some of the clearest splits between the presidential candidates.

Last week Mr Dole lost no chance to emphasise his support for Proposition 209. In the televised presidential debate and at campaign stops in southern California, he argued that quotas should be abolished. "In America, what counts in the end is merit and initiative," he said.

Mr Clinton, who denies that he favours quotas, is concerned that the proposition goes too far in wiping out "affirmative action" program-

career of Michael Flanagan

as a US congressman could

into office with 73 other Re-

publican newcomers, but the

tide has turned. His Chicago

constituency had been a Dem-

city's notorious party machine

is pouring money into re-

It is one of dozens of close

races for the House of Repre-

sentatives. Democrats swear

they will win the 18 scats

needed to regain control. Re-

publicans counter that they will increase their majority. Intense battles face at least 20

Republican freshmen consid-

ered especially vulnerable.

and none more than Mr

A stocky, rumpled figure.

he insists he can beat the odds and prove his last victory was

no fluke. Then he ran against

a fallen titan of Congress.

Dan Rostenkowski had risen to be chairman of the Ways

and Means Committee, but

treated taxpayers' money as his piggy bank. He faced 17

Flanagan, 33.

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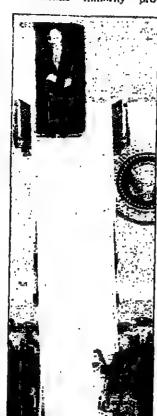
claiming the fieldom.

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The language of Proposition 200 and us full title, the California Civil Rights Initiauve, deliberately echo the 1964 Civil Rights Act, regarded by many Americans, not just liberals, as one of the greatest achievements of that decade.

'Angry white men'

But lawyers and state legislative staff say that in practice it would ban any use of sex or race as a factor in awarding jobs or educational places. even in voluntary schemes such as reading programmes for ethnic minority pro-



President Clinton on a

Republican freshmen face

uphill journey to Congress

FROM IAN BRODIE IN CHICAGO

fraud charges that have since

put him in jail. It is amazing

that 63,000 voted for him, but

75,000 took a chance on an

The new Democratic candi-

date is Rod Blagojevich, a state legislator whose Serbian

name is as helpful as Mr

Flanagan's Irish heritage in

the constituency's ethnic stew.

More advantageous is a mil-

ine is still driven by nepotism,

precinct captains, promises of city jobs, help with problems

at City Hall, and occasional

gifts of grocerics for the

needy. Dirty tricks proliferate

on both sides. Campaign

events are cancelled, posters

get ripped down, wild ru-

mours circulate and thou-

sands are registered to vote twice. It is still Chicago.

The Flanagan story is a modern version of Mr Smith

Cioes to Washington, the Hol-

lywood classic with James

Stewart as the political ama-teur who wanted to do good.

Mr Flanagan, a lawyer on the

dole was playing darts in a

pub when he decided to run.

In striking back, the mach-

unlested Mr Flanagan.

lion dollar war-chest.

grammes, or science teaching for girls.

California's flagship univer-sities. UCLA and Berkeley. have also attacked the proposition, which they say would jeopardise the diversity of the student hody.

If students were admitted simply on merit, they argue, the proportion of Asians would rise sharply and that of blacks would fall.

The potential for nationwide controversy was shown early this year when General Colin Powell, then seen as a possible candidate for the Republican ticker, expressed his vehement opposition to the proposition. Aftirmative action was still necessary because opportunitics for minorities were still far from equal, he argued. General Powell's stance

and the Republican attempt to court the black middle class vote, has restrained Mr Dole from openly supporting the proposal until now. Apart from the televised debate, he has also confined his comments to Californian audiences, fearful that they might ose him support further east.

Proposition 215, which would make the possession or cultivation of marijuana legal for medical purposes, is nearly as divisive within California.

Dennis Peron, a member of a San Francisco commune, launched the proposal as a tribute to his lover, who died in 1990 from Aids. "Any other drug that eased nausea, increased appetite and reduced pain would be prescribed everywhere." he says.

Its critics, who dispute those medical benefits, say that the roposition amounts to the egalisation of marijuana. Doctors would have to give only verbal recommendations. and stress would count as a

outraged by Rostenkowski's

Unmarried, he planned the

campaign around his parents

dining table. Both were Dem-

ocrats but pitched in, stuffing

envelopes. Few took him seri

ously. No Republican had

he turned down plum assign-

ments on two committees,

Ways and Means and Com-

merce, that would have at-

tracted lobbyists' money like a magnet. He picked the Judi-ciary Committee dealing with

crime and gangs, big issues in Chicago. Then he muddied

the picture by voting to lift the

stance that still rankles with

In another mixed message,

he signed a pledge before 600 elderly voters to defend full-

funding for Medicare - then

This time, feet up in his

cluttered committee rooms, he

said: "I honestly don't expect to lose. But getting re-elected

is much tougher than win-

voted to slow its growth.

ning the first time."

the city's police.

On arrival In Washington.

won in Chicago since 1958.



A "super scooper" tanker aircraft drops water as fires in the Corral Canyon area of Malibu, Southern California, scorched thousands of acres yesterday (Giles Whittell writes). Further south, in Orange and San Diego counties, blazes destroyed at least 70 homes. Near Malibu hun-

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US battered by fires and rain

including the actress Shirley MacLaine, chose to stay and fight. Two large and many smaller fires

firefighters, 13 helicopters and two super scooper" planes capable of filling their 1.400-gallon tanks by skimming the ocean.

On the eastern seaboard, states of

around New England after several months of rain fell in a few hours Flood waters rose suddenly in Boston, 23ft waves were reported on the coast, and a storm - created in part by Hurricane Lili, 1,000 miles to the south - caused at least five deaths.

Row over Reagan shooting footage

FROM TOM RHODES

NANCY REAGAN, the former First Lady, entered America's electoral fray yesterday to demand that President Clinton withdraw a Democratic television commercial which uses the attempted assassination of her husband to promote gun control.

In a letter to the White House, she criticised the Clinton campaign for replaying footage of the tragic incident outside the Washington Hil-ton in March 1981 when John Hinckley, a drifter, shot President Reagan.

"As a matter of decency, I would request that you remove the replays of the attempt on my husband's life in the Clinton for President ads ional television," she said. Certainly you would agree. I hope, that this horrible reenactment stretches even the minimum levels of civility in

current political advertising." The advertisement shows a clip of the assassination attempt followed by a statement in support of Mr Clinton's good character from Jim Brady, Mr Reagan's former press secretary who was also wounded in the shooting and remains paralysed in a wheel-

chair as a result. Mr Brady and his wife, Sarah, have become a Democratic poster couple for the issue of gun control. Their name has been attached to a Bill curbing the sale of hand-guns and they were given top hilling at the Chicago conven-

tion this year. The White House maintained yesterday that the advertisement was appropriate and refused to withdraw it from circulation.



You're used to

Elderly wary of mercy killing, survey shows

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

FRAIL elderly people are far less enthusiastic about euthanasia than their younger relatives, a survey in the United States has shown.

Though unsurprising, the survey's results may give pause to those who want to legalise "physician-assisted suicide" for terminally-ill patients, since it shows that those most likely to be affected

Researchers at Duke University In Durham. North Carolina, canvassed the

opinions of 168 elderly patients, with an average age of 76, at the university's Geriatric Evaluation and Treatment Clinic. They asked the same questions of 146 of their relations, including spouses,

children, and brothers and sisters. While 39.9 per cent of the elderly favoured physician-assisted suicide for those terminally ill, 59.3 per cent of their

relatives were in favour. Dr Harold Koenig, the lead researcher. said that the elderly people most opposed to the idea were those who had least control over their circumstances. including blacks, some women, poorly educated people and those with slight

dementia. These findings are provocative and of great concern because the frail elderly. poorly educated and demented members of our society have little power to

influence public policy that may directly affect them." Dr Koenig said.

The study, published in Archives of Internal Medicine, also found that relatives had difficulty agreeing among themselves as to what course of action to take, and were not really able to predict their elderly relatives' attitudes to

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Say hello to the 'It' boot

Knee-boots are an essential in a winter wardrobe, says Grace **Bradberry**

an anyone remem-ber the plot of Barbarella? No, but they can remember the knee-boots. Jane Fonda wears a pair, looks great, and makes the rest of the storyline more or less superfluous.

To Americans, Fonda was the "It" girl of her generation. But she was also wearing an "It" accessory, and one that has worked for dozens of glamour girls before and

When Yves Saint Laurent dressed Catherine Deneuve for Belle du Jour, he gave her a pair of knee-boots. Later the Avengers girls wore them, as did Wonder Woman, though with rather less panache.

in real life, the Jay twins, Catherine and Helen were knee-hoot evangalists, teaming them with mini-skirts, and became sirens of the Kings Road. Across the Channel, Brigitte Bardot was another devotee, especially during her late-Sixties St Moritz period, when she was married to Gunther Sachs.

Liz Hurley has now taken on the mantle, though this may be because her legs are not all that the rest of her is cracked up to be. So what is it about knee-boots? What gives them their peculiar allure? So many times have they been fashionable, that the cultural resonances are multi-layered and conflicting. Knee-boots are, variously, the acceptable face of bondage; a symbol of Barbie Doll femininity; the



mark of the liberated woman: a good way to disguise poor

This year, in particular, they are one of the few vogueish accessories likely to excite the opposite sex - crochet tights. sagging shoulder bags, absurd fur boas cannot cut in the same way.

There are also a few things they are not. They are not, for example, a good way to cover up lumpy knees, nor to draw attention away from the lower thighs. And they are not an ideal choice for very short

This didn't bother the major fashion designers, of course,

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and make over is by appointment only.

who matched them with everything from military-look leather dresses (Chanel) to long bohemian coats (Gianfranco

Ferrel for the current season. Fendi went for the full-on glam super-trooper — purple disco trousers, and a long purple satin jacket with wide Blumarine, the Italian de-

Hot from the runways of the New York fashion shows, Bobbi Brown, the make-up

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signer, created a Profumo era girl-about-town look, coupling the boots with short shift dresses, cardigans and sheer High street designers have

tended to combine various different looks. Russell & Bromley's suede buckled boots

but they also recall the Swinging Sixties. Red or Dead's black suede boots with grey stripes are part airport-lounge glamour and part Kings Road

For a domineering Avengers look, smooth leather and spike heels are where it's at. They also help to create a long, lean line, though at worst they can look more Abba Super-Trooper than Storm Trooper.

And there are other fringe trends, Original Courreges PVC boots feature in the latest Diesel advertising campaign - but they are a little too kitsch for most of us. The flat

black gumboots featured on the catwalk, but are for only the very tall and the very

Above all, if you're going to spend a considerable sum of money on boots (and boots are inevitably one of the most expensive footwear purchases then versatility is a key consideration. How many things can you wear them with?

Broadly speaking. basic shapes fit with kneeboots: shift dresses, miniskirts, just-above-the-knee skirts and boot-cut trousers. Colour is a trickier issue. In previous years the safe option would have been black. But now that brown is the new black, it's no longer so clear. If you are mixing textures

and colours for a more bohemian look, then shades such as plum and chocolate will work. Camel colours will blend with the new blonde colours, with brown, and also with black - provided you keep the shapes simple. The height issue is a vexing

one. Generally speaking, the higher the better this winter: long and lean is "in", and so is a certain cartoonish extremism. On the other hand, your post-feminist style will be severely cramped if you can't move properly. Nancy Sinatra was right. Boots should be



Lay the foundations

n the catwalks this autumn. models looked like angels, with flaxen hair, peachy lips

and radiant, dewy skin.

Transferred to the street, this look has brought the angelic fair, or "pale and interesting" face back into fashion. It is supposed to portray a natural wintery beauty, as if you have just returned from a bracing walk in the woods, and is based on giving a subtle extra glow to your natural winter skin col-

However, there is a fine line between "pale and interest-ing" and plain pallid, espe-cially if the only real glow you are likely to achieve this winter is a flush from running

The look takes considerable skill to create. The key lies in a clever use of foundation. Fortunately, these are more sophisticated than ever. Among the most effective

are those from a new range of make-up called Technic, which until recently was used only by professional make-up artists, actors and celebrities like Diana, Princess of Wales and Jerry Hall.

Manufactured by the French company, Le Maquillage Professionnel, the range has a staggering 220 different shades of foundation, which can also be mixed to create even more subtle tones. For example, the use of a pale foundation as a base, mixed with variations of a darker shade, will enable you to

Be pale, not pallid, says Bridget Harrison

match your colouring exactly and achieve a winter glow that can be adjusted to suit the

Technic foundations, which

were developed for profes-sional work with cameras, are designed to reflect light off the face, and glow particularly well in the usually harsh light of day. They also have a staying power of 12-14 hours so you won't need to keep popping off to reapply your "natural beauty". to achieve the angelic

dewy look, foundations can be applied without adding powder. However if this effect is slighty too shiny for those who are not planning to strut a catwalk, Technic has also developed a transfuscent powder to matt out any unwanted sheen. This month, Clinique has

launched its own answer to creating the healthy glow - a foundation containing micro particles, which diffuse light to give the skin a satiny finish. City Base Compact Foundation is available in ten shades and costs £16.50.

For a slightly less shimmer effect, an alternative is Clinique's Soft Finish Make-Up (£16.50), a liquid founda-

of a face like an angel tion, which also comes in ten shades and can be used with or without Clinique's light Blended Face Powder (£16). Clinique stockists: 0171 409-6953. The Technic studio is based at 62 Lancaster Mews, London W2. where clients are invited to test the range. Technic is also availible by mail order—send details of your colouring and beauticians will pick trial shades to suit your skin. Foundations cost EIS.50 for a compact and EI4.25 for the powder.

Sam de Teran, 151 Fulham LEFT: Salt-and-pepper weed shift dress, £59 99, by Oasis, 292 Regent Street Black and grey striped suede boots, £163, and matching black suede bag with grey stripe design, £65, both by Red or Dead, Thomas Neal Centre, Earlham Street, London WC2 Tel: 0171 937-3137.

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ABOVE: Tan leather single

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ABOVE LEFT: Burgundy

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£266, by Bella Freud at

Pellicano, 63 South Moltor

Street, London W1.

Tel: 0171 713-6466.

Pale blue striped cotton

stretch shirt, £95, by

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Why this young mother deserves our understanding

hen John Major asked us some time ago "to condemn a little more and understand a little less" he couldn't have expected that, for once, his words would be heeded. We listened, we acted, we condemned. We carry on condemning. It is easy to condemn when those we understand don't thank us for it.

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Sarah Taylor, the 13-year-old girl whose on-off expulsion led to a threatened teachers' strike at her school in Halifax, is easy to condemn. Now that she has given birth to a daughter, fathered by a fellow pupil, her mala fides have been seen to be amply demonstrated and we may thus congratulate ourselves on the percipience, the sheer welladvisedness of our earlier breezy condemna-

I don't deny that I'm glad that my job isn't to teach pupils like Sarah or the 60 or so other pupils that teachers at her school want to expel. Understanding is all very well at a distance; close up it can be hard. And it is true, children need limits and boundaries and rules: just patting them on the head and telling them that their trou-

bled lives justify their troubling behaviour does no good to any of us — least of all them.

But when one learns now that Sarah's disruptive behaviour came at a time when she was in the early stages of a pregnancy she was keeping a secret, it does cast a rather different light. I am not saying that we should believe her to have been a little angel up till then, but clearly she must have been feeling frightened and defensive and it is hardly surprising if her behaviour reflected that

One might wish, for her sake, she had felt able to tell someone of her condition. but seeing the way in which the birth has been greeted now, one can hardly blame her for keeping quiet about

the pregnancy then. No responsible person should encourage teenage pregnancies — i see that - but condemn as we will, there is something that none of us can bear to admit: that for girls like Sarah, who have nothing, having a baby is a way of having something.

of being someone.

These days, airing views like this sounds patronising. But let us be honest: what is the future that Sarah is depriving berself of by having this child? Is it so bright? I don't believe it is and I don't believe Sarah believes it is. Right now, she probably feels that having a baby is the best thing she's ever done. Who is to say she's wrong? (After all, it's what all of us who have had children

I concede that it is a further problem for the State, which will probably have to bear the financial burden of Sarah and her child, and it is hardly beneficial to society as a whole, but to judge her life as if she had our opportunities is wrong. By which I mean it is to misunderstand the issue.

This is not to say she is right. I don't take the moral relativist's view: I do believe that a child needs two parents behaving as adults. But it doesn't help anyone to run for smug cover under such an assertion. And even if one cannot help but worry about a baby born under such conditions, in Sarah's own circumstances, I'm not sure that it is necessarily such a recipe for child-rearing

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baby are living, have five other children. I'm sure Sarah's infant daughter will be easily absorbed into the family. One of the hardest things with which new mothers in our society have to contend is the peculiar isolation that comes from having a haby (one begins to long for some sort of outdated, perhaps purely notional, matriarchal community) and it may well be that Sarah's child will accrue some benefit from being reared within an extended family.

But for all that Sarah's behaviour isn't to be encouraged, it doesn't follow that it should be met with nastiness and distasteful aggression. I am, frankly, more appalled by the behaviour of some of her local councillors than by her own. The leader of the Conservative group on Calderdale council remarked that the case showed that "one moment of illicit pleasure like this can lead to a lifetime of misery" and his social services spokesman added "her life is ruined". So much for the party of the family: no matter into what difficulties, or from what difficul-

ties, a child is born, to greet its birth by pronouncing it a ruiner of a life and a certain bringer of misery is despica-

being holier than thou or of coming on all sanctimenious. Motherhood isn't some sacred office. It can seem to have the power to transform, but it doesn't necessarily do so. One just has to look around to see that, It may well be that this young girl might turn into one of those bullying. brutalising mothers one sees hitting their children and then sneering, as they cry, that next time they'll give them something "to really cry about". But that doesn't mean we should decide in advance that she will. Our standards are so

fearfully high on this one, and our expectations so fearfully low. We judge women all the time and find them maternally wanting. Take last week's jeering at Madonna with child. One (female) iournalist asked whether her new daughter was the Unluckiest Child in the World.

Nigella Lawson

Thy should we presume Madonna is going to be a bad mother? But then, being a parent does tend to do things to one: it can bring out the best, but also the worst, leading us to sit in selfcongratulatory judgment on every one else's

None of us truly knows what goes on in other people's families, any more than we know what goes on in other people's marriages. None of us, either, knows what others are capable of, or what they can make of themselves. We don't know any better how we'll fare ourselves, for that matter. But one thing really is for sure: if we wanted to make absolutely certain that girls like Sarah couldn't do better than to erode their confidence by condemning them so viciously.

so decisively in advance.

If we tell Sarah often enough that her life is ruined, that her baby is the agent of that ruination and both between them are a waste of time, money and, frankly, space, we shouldn't be surprised if both of them come to believe it.

And so it goes on ...

Are our children

MEDIA PAGE

getting the TV they deserve? Page 23

NOBODY ever lost money overestimating the thickness

of a politician's skin. As safe wagers go, it makes betting on whether the sun will rise

iomorrow look like a gamble.

a mirror and be sure of seeing someone who is truly embarrassable, he'd better make sure it's a two-way mirror.

If an MP wants to look into

Take Sir Nicholas Scott.

Please! His local party has

called a meeting to discuss his

future after he was found

apparently drunk and confused in a gutter. He blamed

his wooziness on painkillers.

Kensington and Chelsea says it might ditch Sir Nick —

who is already banned for

drink-driving and failing to

stop after an accident in

which a child was trapped in

a pushchair - before the

But his wife is still standing

by him: this may be what

helps to keep him upright

Steven Norris, the former

Transport Minister, is so

shameless about his serial

womanising that he has not

only written a book about it,

he even read out extracts on

Radio 4 while we were trying to swallow our bran flakes.

As for Neil Hamilton, secre-

tarial schools are happily

rewriting their shorthand

manuals now that they have

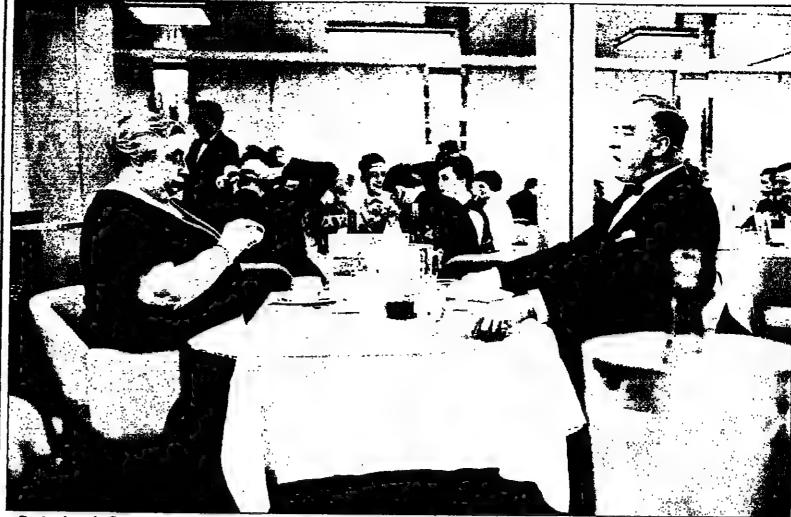
through most of the day.

general election.

Politicians who know no shame

Truly, madly, MP

Continuing our excerpts from Norman Davies's book, Europe: A History



Don't spit on the floor, dear. Once regarded by historians as a matter of passing fashion, manners can offer valuable insights into social change

Mark of a civilised man

n the late 11th century. when a Byzantine princess arrived in Venice to marry the Doge, it was found that she ate her food with a golden fork. She was reprimanded by the Bishop for antisocial behaviour. People in the medieval West took meat with their fingers from a common dish. The fork came into general use only during the Renaissance, and only for lifting morsels to one's own plate. The table set of knife, fork and spoon was an 18thcentury innovation.

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European manners can be studied from the manuals written to teach people how to behave. The earliest, such as De Institutione novitarum by Hugh St Victor (d 1141), were addressed to clerics.

The 13th-century Bavarian Hofzucht (Courtly Manners), attributed to Tannhauser, was directed at boorish courtiers, as was John Russell's 15thcentury Book of Courtesve. The most influential, the De Civilitate Morum Puerilium (1530) by Erasmus, ran to 130 editions. It was reprinted in Russia when Peter the Great sought to "civilise" his court 200 years later.

At one time, historians treated manners as a subject of passing fashions. But serious analysts have argued that they provide the outward evidence for profound social and psychological changes. Injunc-tions about spitting, for example, reveal a number of basic shifts: do not spit over or on the table (English circa 1463); do not spit across the table as hunters do (German, 15th century); turn away when spitting, lest your saliva fall on someone; you should abstain from spitting at table, if possible (Italian, 1558).

Formerly, it was permitted to spit on the ground before people of rank; today that is an

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THE TIMES

by Joe Joseph

almost the whole field of

ethics, morality, sleaze, free-

NOW, it seems, it's not just a

British disease. Ecuador is a

Mecca of mad MPs. Alfredo

Adum, the country's Energy

Minister, says he would like

to live naked and prey on women like a caveman.

He says: "I'd grab any

woman I liked by the hair.

take her back to my cave and

devour her. I'd satisfy my

sexual and physical appetites because in those days you ate

As for President Abdala

Bucarám - or "El Loco" (the

Crazy One) as he is known -

he's cutting an album. He says singing makes him feel like Julio Iglesias. The people who see their Presi-

dent in the mood to sing, to

struggle, are a proud people," says El Loco. "If we had a bitter President, we would

have a bitter people." But only

because they'd have to find

women in both senses."

loading and smugness.

indecency (French, 1572). Frequent splitting is disagreeable. At important houses, one spits into one's handkerchief. Do not spit so far that you have to look for the saliva to stamp on it (Liege, 1714). After spitting into your handkerchief, you should fold it once, without looking at it, and put it in your pocket (Le Saile, 1729). Spitting s at all times a disgusting habit. Besides being coarse and atrocious, it is very bad for the health (English, 1859). Have you noticed that today we [hide] what our fathers did

not hesitate to display openly?

The spittoon is a piece of furniture no longer found in modern households (Cabanes,

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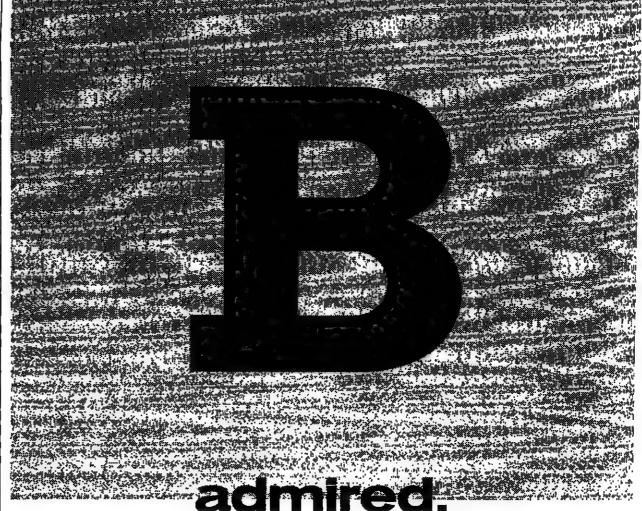
The need to spit was not challenged until the 18th century, although the constraints about where, when and how to spit had grown steadily. In the 19th century, spitting fell into disrepute, perhaps through fear of tuberculosis. Yet a certain hypocrisy separated the rules of good manners and the widespread use of the

spittoon. Only in the 20th century did a total ban become effective. "No Spitting" notices were retained on London buses until the 1960s. By that time certain rock groups were urging their fans to spit as a mark

of social defiance. The "civilising process" is seen to grow through the centuries, when the standard of what is offensive is slowly raised, and is re-enacted in abbreviated form in the life of the individual. Critics might object to such a narrow definition of civilisation. But all

separates so-called "Western civilised man" from medieval behaviour, where modern concepts of hygiene and privacy were virtually absent. One has only to ponder some other assorted medieval injunctions: it is bad manners to wear a helmet when serving ladies; farts may be concealed by coughing; before you sit down, make sure your seat has not been fouled: when you eat, do not forget the poor - God will reward you,

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Alan Coren



■ The prudent passenger will never again cry 'Chop chop'

taunch supporters of privatised railways — and none is stauncher than I — were delighted at Monday's news that the staff of the rail company Connex South Eastern were to receive martial arts training to counter the aggressive behaviour of passengers. What delighted us was not merely the prospect of the zest this action would introduce into the dull quotidian grind of getting from A to B (via, of course, Q. to which we have been redirected by the points failure at S, and whence we shall continue, after spending the morning in the sidings at P. to R. changing at D for H, provided the dead dog has been hosed from the line at M, to enable us to be bussed to W to pick up the stopping train, subject to industrial action, to K), but also the notion that nothing could be more consonant with the core principle of private transport. For what is that system itself, if not one of toe-totoe, no-holds-barred, in-your-face competitive aggression, red in tooth and claw, which has been so sadly missing from our perman-ent way for nigh on half a century?

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Throughout all those long years, the disgruntled passenger has had nowhere to direct his ire but at the huge amorphous anonymous state blob of BR. He turns up at Charing Cross to find a blackboard declaring that due to a spattering of the wrong kind of catkins on a Maidstone buffer, he will have to his declaration of the words with the state of the state o have to kip down on his office desk, but where is his just spleen to be vented? A BR lackey sniffs, a satrap shrugs, a shutter drops on a rapped grille, for the fault is the State's, it is your fault and my fault, and there is naught for the stranded mob to do

but mutter and disperse.
Not any longer. Today, the same passenger arrives at Charing Cross, and the blackboard does its stuff, but this time the announcement is signed by Connex. Connex, being in it for the money, is now in it up to its cars. The passenger has a target. "Bring me the man from Connext" he roars. A uniformed figure steps forward, and is halfway through a monologue on the capricious nature of the catkin when the passenger's umbrella breaks across his cap. The mob cheers. But it is not over: the man from Connex shakes the stars from his head. assumes the Nagake position, and, slicing through the passenger's defending briefcase with a brick-honed hand, chops him to the concourse. The mob falls silent, yet respectfully so. It knows when it has been beaten. The passenger gets up, and bows to the official, who bows back. Tomorrow, the passenger will return, with a horseshoe in his glove. It is what the enterprise culture is

But tomorrow, the train leaves on time. It vever, approaching Sevenoaks when the passenger discovers that there is no towel in the lavatory. He pulls his glove on over his wet hand, and, wisely allowing the horseshoe no time to rust, finds the steward and flattens him. The passenger does not, though, notice the guard, for the guard is behind him, and airborne. He is airborne because he is a kick-boxer, Second Dan. That evening, the passenger wakes up beside the Sevenoaks signal-box. But there is a fresh towel on his chest, plus a complimentary bar of Lifebuoy, for a point has been nobly made, and honour satisfied. More yet than this, for what now rises from the cinder-track is a more determined passenger than ever. Though not as determined as he becomes the following day, when, having sprinted the length of the train to inquire of the driver why it has been stationary for half an hour, he has not only his nice new brass knuckles shattered by the fireman's rice-flail, but his nice old bone ones, too.

I trust you see where all this is leading. It is leading to the symbiotic generation of that mutual respect between service-provider and customer without which the newly privatised rail system would be quite unable to function as it should. It is leading to the end of the bad old days. Just think if, in that brief encounter at Milford Junction, Celia Johnson had complained to Trevor Howard about the smut in her eye only to have Stanley Holloway spring from the stationmaster's office and bang their heads together for slagging off the service, how much more happily everything might have turned out for all concerned.



Bishops, or party pawns?

ishops are not politicians. It was a mistake for the Roman Catholic bishops to produce a pre-election document. The Common Good, which looks so like an election manifesto. Roman Catholics who do not agree with its particular political arguments are bound to resent the bishops moving outside the religious sphere into the political arena. If anything, bishops are less well qualified than many lay people to assess the consequences of economic policies. Certainly they have no special jurisdiction. Their pamphlet does not even have any especially Christian justification; where its policies are defined, almost all of them could be supported by "progressive" people of any religion or none. The bishops' views come closest to those of The Observer, which is not itself a specifically Christian newspaper, let alone a Roman Catholic one.

Their pamphlet is as corporatist as I had feared. It is for trade unions, for Europe, against unregulated free markets, for a minimum wage, for redistributive taxes and against maximising the productivity of labour. It would reduce Britain's international competitiveness, and would tend to raise both taxes and unemployment. Some of these positions are spelt out more clearly than others, but the main economic message is unambiguous: "Market forces, when properly regulated in the name of the common good, can be an efficient mechanism for matching resources to needs in a developed society."

Plainly this is not a defence of the open market economy but a call for "regulation in the name of the common good". It is even argued that "market forces are just as likely to lead to evil results as to good ones". The bishops are avowed dirgistes. This is not even the new Labour doctrine; it is what old Labour had reached by the late 1970s. The bishops want to go back to the regulatory systems Britain struggled to throw off in

The politicisation of religion is bad for politics but worse for religion. It happened in the darkest centuries of the papacy, when the Popes were behaving little better, and occasionally even worse than the other princes of the time. Even the bishops' attitude to abortion seems to have been softened by political consider-ation. The Common Good emphasises the need to protest against abortion, but it goes out of its way to warn against the danger of voting on single issues, "even

Where political and economic experts disagree, bishops should fear to tread. But against moral evils, they should speak out

when the attitudes of the candidate on support workers' rights to join trade such an issue are at variance with

Catholic teaching". For Catholics, including the bishops, abortion is quite different from other issues; the Church teaches that it is absolutely wrong, the murder of a human being. Yet the bishops must have weakened this position by appearing to warn Catholics against making abortion the critical test of whether they can in conscience support a candidate. No doubt many Catholics do reluctantly vote for the pro-abortion candidates of the party they support on other grounds. That hardly justifies the bishops telling them it is right to

The Catholic bishops have no special authority or information on the subject of Europe. There are arsuments for and against further British integration in the

do so.

European Union. The bishops may personally accept the arguments in favour, as Kenneth Clarke does. There is nothing wrong with that. But this document has been issued as official advice from the Roman Catholic Church in England. "It is possible to be both British and European" is a statement with a pro-European spin, as are the references to "subsidiarity". There is nothing in Christian doctrine or the teaching of the Church that sheds any light on this issue. The bishops are behaving like mere journalists, expressing their personal opinions, and therefore undermine their own authority, which is religious and not political.

f the main propositions of The Common Good were to be re-versed, they would not become anti-Catholic or anti-Christian. For instance. I believe in minimising the role of bureaucracy and making the greatest possible use of market allocation. I believe in an open labour market to make Britain internationally competitive and so bring high employment. I

unions, but think that unions often do more harm than good. I do not see that people have any duty to join a union if they do not wish to. I think that the nonelected bureaucracy of Europe already has far too much power, and that the national democracies now have too little. I do not trust the vague doctrine of "subsidiarity". I think that minimum wages cause higher unemployment. I believe that abortion on demand is an absolute evil which stains the public character of those who support it. I do not believe that "workers have rights which are superior to the rights of

> out capital there are no jobs. I believe in democracy and the free market, and I view the bishops as supporters of bureaucracy and

canital", because with-

regulation. No doubt I may be mistaken and the bishops may be right, but with the exception of the issue of abortion, I do not see how these political debates can possibly be settled on religious grounds. A good Christian can be a Euro-fanatic or a Euro-sceptic, can support democracy or bureaucracy, can believe in the free market or in regulation. What a good Christian, in my view, cannot be is someone who thinks that babies may be slaughtered in the womb.

So The Common Good is a serious error of episcopal judgment. There is a striking contrast with the work and moral advocacy of Frances Lawrence. To start with, she has the sympathy which derives from her husband's death. She advocates policies to deal with the violence which caused it. She has defined specific policies which she thinks would help, including classes in citizenship, an extended law against the sale of knives, and greater respect for teachers and the police. She speaks of "healing our fractured society", but does not claim to have a unique insight into

all the most controversial areas of

present-day policy. Most people will be more impressed by Mrs Lawrence's reaction to her own tragic personal experience than by the bishops' attempt to give the authority of the Church to their private political views.

Religion is a most mysterious thing, in the lives of individuals and nations. It is associated with suffering and martyrdom, as in the case of Philip Lawrence. We are all moved by his self sacrifice. True religion is associated with sanctity rather than high ecclesiastical office. The saints change men's souls. Religion can have a great influence on politics, but that is usually indirect. Because people have come to believe in certain things, they come to behave in a certain way. The language of religion is the language of prayer, not a pamphlet. Its inspiration is the spirit, not ways of improving the world, though the world is often changed by it. When it becomes directly political, as Christianity too often has, it is usually furthest from the

hurches have a duty to protest against crying evils, against torture, against slavery, against genocide, and in the present age against abortion. These are moral evils with terrible consequences. Pope John Paul II rightly warns of the modern "culture of death" and the Roman Catholic bishops are right to repeat that phrase. But the bishops are wrong to lay down poli-tical doctrines about which honest men can and do disagree. There is no universal moral principle stating that governments, such as that of France, should take 50 per cent of national income in taxes, rather than taking only 20 per cent, like Hong Kong. These matters are best left to ordinary political debate.

In falling into this error, the Roman Catholic bishops have generally been applauded by the leading bishops of the Church of England, Both Churches have become over-eager to intervene in questions where an informed moral judgment depends upon assessing the practical consequences, on which experts disagree. However, the Conservative Party has little to worry about. Nothing is so irritating as being lectured by ecclesiastics on matters outside their competence. They are just as likely to drive people back to Toryism as to drive

them on towards Tony Blair. Simon Jenkins will appear tomorrow.

Why Nato must not, go soft Michael Portillo

spells out the security future

Today the boundary of liberty has been carried to the east, and with so many new democracies we have greater security. Democracies rare. ly invade one another.

Yet Nato faces a bigger intellectual

challenge than ever before. It has to ad. apt and restructure, to welcome France and Spain to its new military structures, to embrace the new democracies, plan for new types of mission and build a relationship with Russia. It must do all this and yet maintain the integrity the has made it successful.

Nato must remain an Atlantic alliance. America recognises the importance of European security to its own vital interests. Warren Christopher gave a ringing affirmation of America's commitment in a speech in Stuttgart last month. Europe is a continent where dangerous things happen. It is criss-crossed by fault-lines of ethnic and religious division. America keeps 100,000 troops in Europe. No presiden-

ial candidate is proposing withdrawal. However, recent differences between European countries and America over Bosnia were not healthy. Europe was criticised for not dealing effectively with the crisis, but I do not believe that this was because Europe does not have a single security and defence identity. It is not a question of institutions, but of what the nations can and will take on.

It is evident that the Bosnian conflict was too much for Europe alone. The Nato force has relied on America for nearly half its troops, much of its strategic transport and nearly all of its satellite-borne command and control, Acknowledging this has injected a welcome realism into the debate ab; t European defence, and has reinforced the importance of America.

There is much concern among applicant nations which fear they will not be among the first new members of Nato, and among those who would rather not see any enlargement. But enlargement is not a new phenomenon. Nor will the next stage of enlargement close the door

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on future applicants. Britain, the historic home of parliamentary democracy, is one of the most committed advocates of enlargement. and we shall be keen to ensure that the alliance holds to its timetable. Enlargement will be discussed by Nato ministers in December. At a summit next year, decisions will be taken to invite a number of countries to begin accession negotiations. I hope Nato will be able to welcome the first new members in 1999,

Those are decisions for the applicant countries and for Nato alone, but we recognise that Russia is fundamental to equilibrium in Europe. Nato and Russia must build a real strategic partnership, founded on substance. We need to work with Russia on the architecture of our new security. No one can describe elacty what the building will look like when finished. And for the moment the Russians — even Russian defence ministers — have other things on their mind. 📑

ach journey begins with a single step, and there are steps that we step, and tree are step should take now. The Russian cooperation with the Nato Implementation Force in Bosnia has required us to establish liaisons through officer exchanges. Those can be broadened and made permanent

We have not yet succeeded in exploiting the opportunities for joint work with Russia offered by the Partnership for Peace. We should plan together for luture joint military missions. We should make it the norm for Nato to consult Russia on changes in which it may have an interest, and we should discuss co-operation on countering terrorism, drug-trafficking, organised crime and weapons proliferation. If enough of substance emerges from all that, the results could be formalised in a

charter between Russia and Nato. In parallel, we must enhance the Partnership for Peace with other nations. This scheme has proved of the successful, more quickly, than we expected. It is now a permanent element of the European security structure. We can build on this success. We should strengthen the political dimension, allowing consultations between individual partners and Nato on a much wider

range of issues than today. We should also broaden the military dimension of the Partnership for Peace. Nato should prepare with its partners for more challenging tasks, including peace enforcement. We need to be rigorous in ensuring that we get value and learn lessons from the exercises we mount together. We should avoid window-dressing, and put the emphasis on work that produces a broad improvement in performance and co-operation. We should allow the partners more input into Nato's work and allow them to move towards participation in Nato's integrated defence planning process, the

process at the heart of the alliance. This talk of a new relationship with Russia emphasises how different the world has become. But history shows that we must not allow our guard to slip. Catastrophe can ensue when a slightly higher investment in defence and an unambiguous demonstration of political

will would have prevented it. Let us remember that Nato has been successful because its members have committed themselves to hard der ace, to maintaining the finest military capabilities, essential to meet threats to national survival. This is not the time for Nato to go soft, and certainly not a time to convert it into an organisation principally for peacekeeping operations. P-H-S | principally for peacekeeping opera

Classic fudge

are piqued when their records are placed in the pop charts are to be recognised with a chart of their own: a crossover chart straddling pop and classical. For years, the compilers of the classical charts and the record companies have argued about what to do when a classical artist makes a nonclassical record.

When Lesley Garrett, the operatic soprano, made her recent album Soprano in Hollywood, her record company wanted it catalogued in her natural field of



Anthony Way: new chart

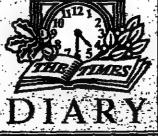
There she would have been No I. but she was bumped off into the pop charts, because the compilers. Chart International Network, argued that her renditions of movie songs were pop. As a result she had to languish behind the likes of Oasis

John Williams, the guitarist and composer of such film sound-tracks as Schindler's List. and Anthony Way, the choirboy star of the series The Choir, have also been caught in this trap. "The compilers are just narrow-minded purists," said my man at Sony,

Now, the compilers have be-come so fed up with the record companies' attacks that they have capitulated. From January, there will be a special chart for this sort of coffee-break music for Garrett, Williams and their ilk to top until the end of time,

Fur away

EXPECT a good turnout for the funeral on Thursday of that trouper of stage and screen, Beryl Reid - for she was a popular soul, given to belly-laughs with her mates. Concern now centres on her cats



- all seven of them. She doted on the beasts, mentioning them often in her memoirs, one volume of which she called The Cat's Whiskers. The felines, some of them pensioners, are at present being looked after in Beryl's cottage in the country - but their fate is uncertain. "No decision has been made on them at all," says a friend.

Top man

ONLY in Italy could a man on trial for complicity in murder and for Mafia links speak at the launch of a book about the Pope. On Monday night, Giulio Andreotti, a senator for life and former multiple Prime Minister, gave a speech at the Foreign Press Club in Rome for the Italian launch of Carl Bernstein's biography of

Andreotti, who has been charged with conspiring to murder a journalist and hobnobbing with the Cosa Nostra, spoke admiringly of the book then added that he had brought along some notes to be included in a second edition. He then disappeared without any of his old security trappings, alone into the Roman night.

• High living has become a way of life for the leaders of the ANC. Cyril Ramaphosa, the former Secretary-General who has now entered the private sector, was giving a radio interview over his car phone when suddenly a crash



"Sports? No I'm the

came down the line. The interview er panicked. crying "Are you all right, Mr Ramaphosa?" After a short while, a voice replied: "This was much easier when I had my chauffeur."

Old stagers

LUNCHING yesterday in Wiltons restaurant, Jermyn Street, were two old Tory warhorses the Lords Tebbit and Saatchi. Although Tebbit has been critical of the Tories' campaign organisation, his office denies that he was offering the full weight of his experience to Saatchi, who will shortly be gazetted as Lord Saatchi. They are old friends from many campaigns ago. Lord Tebbit will be one of Lord Saatchi's sponsors when he is introduced to the Lords, so they were probably discussing that.

Platitudes

AN UGLY rumour is doing the rounds at the Sunday Mirror, where the turnover of editors has been as fast as that of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, Amanda Platell. the paper's acting editor, is on the

point of handing in her notice.
Officials at the junior tabloid insist that the rumour has little foundation, but they will doubtless be proved wrong. I understand that



Amanda: jumping ship?

she cannot see eye to eye with her immediate superior, Bridget Rowe, known on the editorial floor as "Fagash Lil".

 Trouble in clubland, where the pop culture magazine Arena has filed a suit against the Hanover Grand nightclub in London, onetime favourite nightspot of our friend Tara Palmer-Tomkinson. Why? The club holds a night called Arena. Piers Adam, the nightclub's louche proprietor, says: "This is extraordinary. Why don't they sue Wembley Arena as

FAILING TEACHERS

If pupils run riot, the staff should bear responsibility

At The Ridings School in Halifax, teachers are threatening to strike because of the disruptive behaviour of 60 pupils. At the same school, just I per cent of 16-year-olds last year gained five GCSEs at A-C grades. If the school has "bad" pupils, it clearly suffers from bad teaching too. It is a wonder that the parents and pupils have not gone on strike.

The students about whom the teachers are complaining represent 10 per cent of the school roll. Whatever the social circumstances of the area, it would be very odd for such a high proportion of pupils to be suffering from what are generously called behav-ioural difficulties. To the outsider, it looks as if a breakdown in school discipline has allowed a few ringleaders to recruit others ento a rebellious clique which has made life insufferable not just for teachers but for fellow pupils too. The fact that the proportion is 10 per cent rather than the more usual I to 2 per cent suggests that the authority which usually constrains the behaviour of gang followers rather than leaders has evaporated. In other words, the teachers are as much to blame as the adolescents.

Failing schools create their own culture of decline. When teachers have lost the ability to control their classes, their horizons shrink. They expect bad behaviour, and their expectations are seldom disappointed. Educational achievement becomes secondary to getting through the day.

Once the pupils realise that they can get away with bad behaviour, they become far harder to teach. So the school suffers from a fast turnover of staff and a high proportion of itinerant - temporary or supply teachers. As its reputation suffers, parents who can find a place elsewhere for their children do so. Pupils who remain have parents who either do not care or have failed

to secure entry to a better school. The last thing that schools such as The Ridings need is a teacher strike. What they need is outside help and a fresh start. Ofsted, the inspection agency, is not due to inspect the school until next month. It should already have been alerted by The Ridings' record of GCSE failure to step in earlier. Meanwhile, the school clearly suffers from a leadership vacuum; the local education authority should find a dynamic new head teacher. fast, who can instil a culture of learning where none currently exists.

But that can happen only if teachers face up to their responsibilities. Teenagers will run riot if they are allowed to do so. This school sounds as if it is run by the pupils, not the staff. Only a weak and defeated group of teachers would have allowed that to happen. They owe it to the majority of pupils who want to learn to restore order; instead they are threatening to leave their posts.

Teaching in "sink" schools is particularly difficult and requires more talent and confidence than in leafy suburbs, Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, recommended to the teachers' pay review body that in-ner-city jobs should be better paid. This sensible idea was dropped. It should be reinstated, to attract the best teachers to the schools where their skills are most needed. Mrs Shephard should also introduce inservice training for teachers on how to control and discipline an unruly class.

Meanwhile, this example has shown how important it is for Ofsted to target the schools most in need of help. Once this first four-year cycle of inspections for secondary schools is finished next summer, the agency intends to concentrate more on struggling and failing schools. That targeting will come not a moment too soon.

FIRES OF HATE

Tragedy could engulf the entire African Great Lakes region

Since they were first established in 1994 in the aftermath of the Rwandan genocide, the dangers attendant on maintaining semipermanent camps for millions of mainly -Hutu refugees in neighbouring Zaire, Tanzania and Burundi have been obvious. In countries as poor as these, the presence of massive numbers of refugees is always destabilising. Their needs for firewood and water wreck the surrounding environment and the free food and medicines provided by humanitarian aid make them, in all their destitution, the privileged objects of local enmity. In horribly ill-governed east Zaire, where there was already considerable persecution of the Banyarwanda and Banyamulenge - Tutsi and Hutu communities settled there for well over 100 years — the refugee camps have been tinder in dry wood.

The only surprise is that the fire has taken more than two years to ignite. The United Nations should have begun urgent repatriation at least by last year, when Zaire's President Mobutu underlined his determination to be rid of the refugees by dumping 15,000 of them over the Rwandan border. Now that it is in full blaze, as Zairean troops fight to expel the original "alien" communities, far more people are at risk than the quarter of a million refugees who have so far

fled the fighting raging around the camps. The danger now is of the total collapse of civil order in an area populated by around 30 million people — and of open war between Zaire and the Tutsi-led troops of Rwanda and Burundi. Even without Zaire stirring the pot, hatreds between Tutsi and Hutu, which poison great tracts of Africa's Great Lakes region sweeping from the Tanzanian border northwest through Burundi and Rwanda to Uganda, give rise to regular massacres. Zaire itself, still more populous, has been reduced by President Mobutu to bankruptcy and near-anarchy. In such conditions, what his soldiers have started in east Zaire could unleash a whirlwind clean across that vast country.

The West cannot and will not impose regional peace. But it can do more than evacuate its nationals and wring its hands. Zaire has the begging bowl out for aid and investment — its Prime Minister is in London this week for that very purpose and should be given a united ultimatum to stop the pogroms by its soldiers. It should further be required to co-operate with the UN in the urgent next step: the orderly, supervised closure of the refugee camps.

Because, in an act of exceptional folly, the UN has allowed these camps to be run by the armed Hutu extremists who set off the 1994 Rwandan massacres, this will be dangerous work. The militias must be disabled before the refugees they terrorise will dare volunteer to go home to Rwanda. Some African troops will be needed, and America and France should bury their arguments about how best the West can support an African force. These were petty in the first place and look reprehensibly irresponsible in the present emergency.

Centres in Rwanda where the returnees can feel safe will be needed. This will be expensive, but no more so than getting aid into Zaire's war-zone where militias will grab most of it. The money poured into Zaire's camps, hotheds where Hutu extremists plan the next Rwandan civil war, would have been better spent helping Rwanda to make good its promises of reconciliation. A more stable Rwanda would reduce tensions in Burundi. Containment will be only patchily effective. But each patch of peace, by giving ordinary people hope, puts pressure on the leaders who have exploited their fears to such murderous effect.

THE GOOD DIVORCE GUIDE

For better for worse, till the checklist us do part

The latest marriage guidance expert claims that he can predict which couples are likely to divorce, even before they are married. Professor Howard Markman from Denver, Colorado, lists a number of danger signals.

His checklist sounds like the latest emanation of pop psychology: psychobanns, perhaps. But the practice of seeking prophetic reassurance before the leap in the dark into matrimony has old roots. Stone Age man married with brute club and dragged his bride off to his honeymoon cave by her hair. At least, that is how the modern cartoonists draw him. And until recently in most societies the bride had little more choice of her partner than Mrs Flintstone. But the man and the parents of both parties consulted a witch doctor, priest or elder as well as their bank managers before a marriage was arranged. And such matrimonial consultants used the entrails of birds or tribal scriptures as their checklists. But their advice would still have been based on such commonsense folklore as "Never marry somebody from a different background: their table manners will drive you mad."

Professor Markman's state-of-therelationship research concentrates on the strategies by which married partners resolve the arguments, for example by appease ment, putsch or forming alliances. His finding that men tend to cast their eyes in appeal towards heaven against the monstrous injustice of women is supported by much poetry - and male self-pity. But once such an argument has broken out, the ideal practice is to referee it by egg-timer, allowing each plaintiff two minutes to state her case without interruption. However, ideal practice has nothing to do with matrimonial arguments. And loss of the egg-timer would make the argument worse in most kitchens.

The professor's checklist gives the symptoms of argument and refusal to compromise. But it has nothing to say of the causes. Any ancient marriage oracle worth her puff of bay-leaf smoke could have told him that matrimonial contests rise from trivial things. For marriage is not a word, it is a sentence. And marital disharmony arises not from mighty causes of politics, religion, or whether Pope is a better poet than Byron. It comes from little things, such as dirty socks on floor, cap off the toothpaste and whose turn it is to get up for the baby.

So this divorce checklist does not get down to the basics of the ancient and honourable institution. Indeed the accusation of having lied on one's premarital checklist could even add a new cause of marital resentment. Once formally recognised, tactics of marriage argument could become as much a source of argument as the traditional ones of mothers-in-law and coming in allegedly drunk. Anything that makes those contemplating matrimony think harder about it first is to be commended. Such premarital checklists might even reduce the number of divorces by reducing the number of marriages. But nothing, neither psychological profiles nor chicken bones, can ever make the great leap in the dark a sure thing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Violence and society: time to reverse destructive trends

From the Reverend Dr Kenneth G. Greet

Sir, The widespread and positive response to Mrs Frances Lawrence's brave initiative (reports, October 19, 21 and 22) is deeply encouraging. She has called for a movement to tackle violence. This is no short-term objective. We are nearing the end of the most violent century in history. The roots of violence run deep into the cultures of our civic, national and international life. Violence is a seamless robe. It is not just video nasties that affect the mental climate but reallife displays of the technology of mass

In 1994 the World Council of Churches took prophetic action in launching the Programme to Overcome Violence. In June of this year the Methodist Conference urged churches to study and participate in this pro-gramme. It also called for changes in the law relating to handguns. The churches must be in the van of support for the long-term effort of Mrs Lawrence. The gospel both demands this and also provides vital clues about how to approach the task.

Yours sincerely, KENNETH G. GREET (President, Methodist Conference, 1980-81). Redcroft, 88 Broadmark Lane, Rustington, West Sussex. October 22.

From the Chairman of Family & Youth Concern

Sir, in October 1969 you published a letter from myself in which I called for concerned people to come forward to resist the destructive and demoralising trends which threatened the finely balanced stability of our community and caused many kinds of antisocial behaviour. My concern arose because it was becoming clear that many of my patients were suffering not from unavoidable medical conditions but from the consequences of family

My letter struck a chord and this organisation was formed 25 years ago. Since then our research has consistently shown the underlying causes and the destructive effects of family breakdown. It has also revealed that the family founded on marriage is the safest environment for children and the greatest source of social stability. This message has for long been seen as politically incorrect and has fallen on deaf ears among

those of all political persuasions.

The tragic death of Philip Lawrence at the hands of such a clear product of family and social breakdown has led his brave widow to call for a re-appraisal of how we raise our children. We offer her our whole-hearted

support.
The files of all relevant governmental departments are bulging with evidence, collected over many years, which supports Mrs Lawrence's plea, Yet no government over the last 30 years or so has seriously committed itself to the many proposals which have been urged upon them. Perhaps at last we can expect ministers to match her courage and to give the practical support which only governments can give to programmes specifically aimed at strengthening the fundamental unit of society, the

Yours faithfully, STANLEY ELLISON, Chairman, Family & Youth Concern. 322 Woodstock Road, Oxford. October 22.

From Mr P. J. Taylor

Sir. Mrs Lawrence's campaign deserves to succeed but will fail unless it starts from the premise that unacceptable behaviour patterns are mostly received. We are exposed daily, in the guise of mass entertainment, to the whole spectrum of yobbery from public gracelessness to fatal violence. For every Philip Lawrence who might show a child a better way, there are huge resources dedicated to the reverse, because the portrayal of decency is not a marketable pro-

The consequent and inevitable level of antisocial behaviour in real life is too great a price to pay for an uncensored society. The promulgators of behaviour-forming material must be controlled by society and not vice-

Real success will come not by forcibly closing the knife shops, but by seeing to it that no one wants to use

Yours sincerely, PETE TAYLOR, 16 Monks Road. Virginia Water, Surrey. October 22.

From Dr Heinrich Härke

Sir. We should all applaud Frances Lawrence's call to create a better society; but what has the ban of "combat" knives (or any other ban, for that matter) to do with what is essentially a moral crusade?

Surely, morality is all about informed choices between good and bad. Remove the elements of information (ie, education) and choice (ie, liberty) from the equation, and you destroy morality, creating a society in which people act not in accordance with a moral framework they understand and accept, but under coercion from laws which all too often they neither understand nor accept.

isn't that exactly what has gone

16 Dene Close, Earley, Reading, Berkshire. October 22

From Mrs Ann Johnson

Sir, A glance in the window of any video hire shop reveals the extent of violent and depraved "entertainment" on offer. Their main customers, especially in deprived inner-city areas, are idle, bored, unemployed young people. Until these evil products are banned and destroyed an intensive course in violent sadistic behaviour is only too readily available for emulation.

Yours sincerely, ANN JOHNSON, 5 Barnack Road,

wrong in our society? Yours faithfully, HEINE HARKE,

Stamford, Lincolnshire,

Family values: undermined by present tax structure

From Mr Phillip Downs

Sir. Both main parties seek a return to family values. Any such campaign lacks credibility unless they can demonstrate a commitment to a tuxation system under which families receive appropriate financial recognition.

A Centre for Policy Studies paper, Are Families Affordable? (report, July 29, later editions; leading article, August 3; Anatole Kaletsky. August 6), showed that because personal allow-ances are not transferable between spouses and no allowances are given for the number of dependants supported by the tampayer, expenditure on the rearing of children is treated as just another consumer choice, no different from expenditure on, for example, a yacht.

This is hardly a strong moral platform from which to promote a return to family values. Until the fundamental discrimination against singleincome families ends surely all such proclamations are political posturing. Families should be taxed as an aggregate unit, thus allowing the use of both spouses' personal allowances and lower-rate tax bands.

Yours faithfully, PHILLIP DOWNS, Michaelmas Cottage, Roundle Square Road, Felpham, West Sussex.

October 16.

From Mr Andrew Rowe, MP for Mid Kent (Conservative)

Nursery vouchers

From the Director of Education,

Sir, Your report of October 16 on the

nursery voucher scheme may have left

readers with the impression that

Wandsworth Borough Council has

misgivings about extending the

scheme across the country next April.

The council's main objective in piloting the scheme was to see how

workable the administrative arrange-

ments were and to provide informa-

tion that would influence the final

form of the initiative. Vouchers have

been shown to work, and the lessons

learnt will strengthen the scheme as it

Far from there being any risk to

quality, we predict that expectations of what four-year-olds can achieve will rise and that the best of current

classroom practice will be established

This is not the case.

is introduced nationally.

as the norm.

Town Hall,

October 17.

Yours faithfully, PAUL ROBINSON,

Director of Education.

Wandsworth Borough Council,

Wandsworth High Street, SWI8.

Letters for publication may

be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

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Wandsworth Borough Council

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("A better class of waffle", October 16) is right to be wary of attempts by politicians to define and regulate the human family. There are, however, good reasons for de-manding that all politicians pay more attention to the effect their policies have on the upbringing of the nation's

Research increasingly suggests that children who have had their mother available to them in their early years who do not. This suggests that govern-ment policy should do more to make more equal the choice placed before mothers. At present the tax system, the pen-

sion rules, the recruitment and promotion policies of employers public or private, weight the scales against mothers who take time out of their careers to look after young children. This could be addressed without in any way removing from women their freedom of choice to work outside the

If the political parties saw children as the nation's most important priority they would shape their policies to enable young or unsupported parents to receive much more help and guidance. I agree with Jenkins that politicians have no business trying to tell families how to behave. I am equally sure that politicians should try a lot harder to provide parents with a real chance to find the support which they so often want and are denied.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW ROWE, House of Commons. October 16.

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Education and Employment

Sir, Simon Jenkins is wrong to as-

sume that the concepts of family and

Sleaze inquiry From Mr George Cunningham

Sir, What on earth is wrong with a whip or any other minister trying to get a Commons committee to do what the Government wants (report, "Speaker allows inquiry into sleaze allegations". October 16)?

Persuasion and pressure is the essence of political activity. Fault lies only with a committee chairman or member who does not tell the whip to jump in the river. Yours faithfully,

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM (MP for Islington South, 1970-83). 28 Manor Gardens, Hampton, Middlesex. October 16.

Birthright?

From Mrs Pauline Pountney

Sir, I see that tired new fathers need paternity leave (report, October 16. early editions). What has become of the men of today? When our children were born, in 1963 and 1966, my husband was at home on our return from hospital, but this was known as annual leave.

PAULINE POUNTNEY, 112 High Street, Broughton, Kettering, Northamptonshire. community are exclusive. In the decent society advocated by Tony Blair there is a recognition that family units make up society, and that without society there can be no individual liberty. Social morality, as Mr Blair ar-

gued, is not in opposition to liberty but joy freedom. Tackling truancy or noisy neighbours may seem anti-libertarian in the fashionable London suburbs, but on estates in my constituency they are prerequisites to individ-uals and families being able to live a decent life with freedom for them-

These proposals cannot be isolated from our approach to education, which is designed to maximise op-portunities and offer all children the chances which some take for granted. Home-school contracts, which Mr Jenkins criticises, would empower families to know what is expected from schools, whilst recognising the vital contribution parents can and must make to their children's educa-

To raise standards in innercity schools we must have greater parental expectations, while young people who face long-term unemploy-ment need the skills to gain lasting

New Labour's policies are practical. But they are underpinned by a philosophy which recognises that a decent and free society is built on both rights and responsibilities.

DAVID BLUNKETT, House of Commons. October 16.

Yours sincerely.

London Arts Board From the Chief Executive of the

London Arts Board

Sir, I was glad to see that Richard Morrison had taken the trouble to read the London Arts Board's annual report (Top of the waffle charts this month, Arts, October 19), although disappointed that he chose to comment on only one aspect of the board's

The London Arts Board's 15 members, its advisers and assessors are unpaid: they give their time and expertise generously because of their commitment to the arts and their desire to see them thrive.

The board operates a strict code of practice which prohibits board members or advisers from involvement in decisions in which they have an

Sadly, Mr Morrison chose not to mention the astonishing range and diversity of work encouraged and supported by the London Arts Board over the past year, nor its contribution to the quality of life in London.

Readers who would like the full story will see from the report that it is Londoners, and visitors to London, who benefit from the board's investment in artistic excellence and innovation.

Yours etc. SUE ROBERTSON. Chief Executive, London Arts Board. Eime House, 133 Long Acre. WC2.

Rotating the top iob in the Forces

From Rear-Admiral Sir Leslie Townsend

Sir, Between 1960 and 1982 I spent some 12 years in the Ministry of Defence working for or with six officers who subsequently became Chiefs of the Defence Staff (report, "General beats Navy man to top Forces post", October 16).

Over that time the principle of strict rotation of this appointment between the three Services, initiated by Duncan Sandys and developed in the 1960s by the Mountbatten reorganisation and reforms, was supported and observed by Lords Healey and Carrington, both long-serving and respected Secretaries of State for

Although I know Admiral Sir Jock Slater, who the Navy hoped would succeed Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge. I am not writing with a naval succession in mind. I merely point out that wiser and more experienced ministers and Service chiefs formed and supported the concept of strict rotation between the three Services which acknowledged that there could be little or nothing to choose between them professionally. This has been abandoned in recent years in favour of a system of personal preference which has, in my view, proved to be inferior.

Mt Michael Heseltine, while Defence Secretary, tired of what he called "Buggins's" turn, and so presumably chose the man whose personality, and possibly sympathies, suited him best. l doubt that a judgment made by a politician would be on any other grounds, and certainly could hardly be based on a judgment of professional competence. In recent years Secretaries of State for Defence have seldom remained long in the job. So who should make the choice now that the rotation procedure has been abandoned?

The rotation principle was based on the premise that each Service would know when its turn would come and would thus be able to prepare, by selective appointments and experience, the very best of its officers for the job some ten years in advance.

To describe, for example, Marshall of the RAF Lord Elworthy, Field Marshal Lord Carver or Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin as "Buggins" because their Service was represented in rotation would seem to imply that after being selected from thousands of contemporaries and after some 40 years reaching the top of their profession, they might not have been as competent as another head of a ferent Service

The way in which matters are now resolved is a root cause of entirely understandable, but quite unnecessary, dissent between the Services.

Yours truly, LESLIE TOWNSEND. 8 King Charles Street. Old Portsmouth, Hampshire. October 14.

Out for a duck

From Mr Julien Foster

Sir, Mr Peter Humphrey (letter, October 14) says that his local Indian restaurant cited EU regulations prohibiting the import of Bombay duck into the UK by way of explanation for the fact that it was off the menu: something of a "Canard de Bruxelles", he suggests.

MAFF and the Department of Health have both informed me that they have heard of no such regulations from Brussels or elsewhere. As far as they are concerned, there is nothing to prevent the import of Bombay duck. They were also unable to say whether it actually had to come from Bombay to be described thus (viz. Red Leicester, Parma ham, etc).

Yours faithfully, JULIEN FOSTER, Beechwood, 2 Warren Avenue. Shortland, Bromley, Kent.

October 14.

From Mr W. J. R. Gardner

Sir. Having read Mr Humphrey's letter yesterday. I made a point of ordering Bombay duck at a local Indian restaurant where I was dining for the first time last night. It was not available. I was told that they could not prepare it as the smell of the

process offended local residents. It is proper that Brussels should be criticised when its decisions deserve opprobrium; but it seems to have become a catch-all excuse.

Yours sincerely.

JOCK GARDNER. 21 Milton Grove, Lock's Heath. Southampton, Hampshire. October 15.

A broad canvas

From Mr Ray Ward

Sir, Richard Cork's revelation (Arts, October 21) that volume 19 of The Dictionary of Art is entitled Leather to Macho reminds me that volume 2 of The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians (from the same publisher. Macmillan) is entitled Buck to Bolivia. One cannot help wondering if these things are entirely fortuitous. . .

Yours faithfully. RAY WARD, Flat 97, 17 Sheppard Drive. SElo. October 21.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 22: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Mrs Jonathan Mathias was received by Her Majesty upon relinquishing her appointment as Comptroller and Assistant Private Secretary to The Duke and Duchess of York, and Comptroller to Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady

Ogilvy.
The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 22: The Prince Edward. Trustee. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace. His Royal Highness this eve-

ning attended a Concert followed by Beat Retreat given by Her Majesty's Royal Marines at Guildhall, London EC2. KENSINGTON PALACE

October 22: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester today visited Greater Manchester and were received on arrival by Her Maj-

esty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greate Manchester (Colonel John

In the morning The Dake of Gloucester opened the new Bolton District Probation Office, St Helena Mill. St Helena Road, Bolton. and The Duchess of Gloucester opened the new extension at Fair-field High School for Girls on the occasion of the School's Bicentenary, Fairfield Avenue,

Afterwards Their Royal Highnesses opened the refurbished Crown Courts, Minshall Street Manchester.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester visited Gorse Hill Regeneration Area, Trafford, and The Duchess of Gloucester opened Canterbury House, the offices of the charities After Adoption and Advocacy Services for Children, 12: 14 Chapel Street, Salford.

The Duke of Gloucester, Pairon, Heritage of London Trust Limited this evening attended a Reception to celebrate the Trust's 15th Anniversary, at Hall, London Bridge, London EC4.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open Parliament at 1.30; and will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 6.30 to mark the amalgamation of the Forces' Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops.

Princess Margaret and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will attend the State Opening of Parliament .

The Duke of Bavaria

A Requiem Mass for Albrecht Duke of Bavaria, will take place at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, War-wick Street, London WI (the former Bavarian Chapel Royal) on Thursday, October 31, at 5.45pm. Further details of this service may be obtained from Thomas Fitz-Patrick, Principal Secretary, The Royal Stuart Society, on 0171-228

A Requiem Mass will also be held in Edinburgh at 7pm on November 4, at Si Margaret and St Leonards, 110 St Leonard Street For details of this service please archist League of Scotland, on 0131-466 0024 (evenings).

Lecture

Royal Society of Medicine Professor Roger Clarke delivered the Ellison-Cliffe Lecture to the Royal Society of Medicine last night at I Wimpole Street. Professor Sir Michael Rutter, accompanied by Lady Rutter, was presented with the Honorary Fellowship of the Society. Afterwards, Sir Christopher Paine, president, and Lady Paine received the guests at a supper.

Eve of Session

Prima Ministr The Prime Minister was the host at a reception held last night at 10 Downing Street on the Eve of the Opening of Parliament. Carlton Club/United & Coeff

The Prime Minister, accompanied by members of the Cabinet and their ladies, was the principal guest at a reception of the Carlton Club/United & Cecil Club, held resterday at the Carlton Club. Lord Wakeham, Chairman of the Carlton Club, and Sir Marcus Fox. MP. Chairman of the United & Cacil Club, were the hosts.

Reception

Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council Mr Makolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, attended a reception given by the Conservative Foreign and Common-wealth Council last night at Goldsmiths' Hall in honour of the Diplomatic Coros, Sir Ronald Halstead, chairman of the council, presided.

Musicians' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Musicians' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr A.M. Burnett-Brown: Senior Warden, Mr F.N. Fowler, Junior Warden, Professor M. Troup.

Greater London

Viscount Chelsen and Brigadier C.J. Marchant Smith have been appointed Deputy Lieutenants of Greater London.

Birthdays today

Sir Anthony Bamford, chairman, J.C. Bamford Group, 51; Professor G.W.W. Barker, archaeologist, 50; Mr Arthur Brittenden, journalist. 72; Mr Johnny Carson, American broadcaster, 71; Major Edwina Coven, former Chief Commoner, 75: Sir John Craven, chairman, Deutsche Morgan Grenfell Group, 56; Mr Kenneth Durham, Headmaster, University College School, 43; Lord Hunt of Tanworth, 77; Mr Roger Jones, managing director, Woolworths, 59: Sir Archie Lamb, diplomat 75: Professor Sir Frank Lawton.

Professor of Operative Dental Surgery, Liverpool University, 81: Mr Iverach McDonald, former ciate editor, The Times. 88: Pelé, footballer, 56.

Lord Remnant, 66; Sir Ralph Riley, agriculturalist, 72; Mr G.J. Robinson, chairman Granada Group, 48; Mrs Anita Roddick, founder, Body Shop international, 54; Dr G.H.W. Rylands, CH, Shakespearean scholar and producer, 94; the Earl of Sharmon, 72; Baroness Trumpington, 74; Baroness Young, 70.

Memorial service

Crispin and Lady Ticheli, Lady Arthur, Darner Gilliam Brown, Sir Horace and Lady Phillips.

Sir Denis and Lady Wright, Sir John and Lady Wilton, Sir Michael and Lady Wilton, Sir Michael and Lady Wilton, Sir Philip and Lady Adams, Sir Paul Wright, Lady Richmond, Sir Bryan Cartledge, Sir Peter and Lady Marshill, Sir Nicholas Barringston, Sir Alam Goodison. Sir Derek Thomas, Sir Martin Le Quesne. Sir Oliver and Lady Wright, Dame Margaret Anstee, Sir Michael and Lady Simpson-Ortebur, Sir Stephen and Lady Egerton. Sir Derek Dodson, Sir Arstee, Sir Michael and Lady Lamb, General Sir Peter Whiteley, General Sir Nennath Parntale Massee Gunner, Sr Lames's Parit, Vice Admiral Sir Anthony Tippet.

Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker. Sir Nicholas and Lady Henderson, Sir Kenneth James, Sir John Freuweil. Sir Stewart Crawford, Sir Frederick Masson, Sir John Morgan, Sir Alan Campbell. Sir Ronald and Lady Bruttows, Sir John Morgan, Sir Alan Campbell. Sir Ronald and Lady Peters, Sir China Sir City Rose, Sir John Robson, Sir Michael Willord, Sir Alan Munru, Sir Harold Willer.

Professor and Mrs J Z Young, Miss E Villiers, Mrs Ange Westmacott, Mr. Sir Anthony Parsons The Queen was represented by Baroness Miller of Hendon at a memorial service for Sir Anthony Parsons, diplomat, held on Monday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Mr Nicolas Adamson and Princess Alexandra by Captain Neil Blair, RN. The Rev Bernhard Schünemann

Walker.
Professor and Mrs J 2 Young, Miss
E Villiers, Mrs Angle Westmacott, Mr
Michael Thomas, Mr and Mrs D
Robathan, Miss Rosalin Plumpte,
Mr Michael Plumpte, Mr and Mrs
Graham Lea Miss Louise Bairt Mrs
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Robathan, Miss Rosalin Plumpire, Mr Michael Plumpire, Mr and Mrs Graham Lee, Miss Louise Baird, Mrs Michael Adams, Mr Robin Gorham, Mr Rob Young, Mr and Mrs Charles Anson, Mr Richard Ellingworth, Mr and Mrs A Richard Ellingworth, Mr and Mrs A Richard Paimer, Mr and Mrs A I Hywel-Jones, Mr Ian Bowler, Mr A B Ingledon, Mr Richard Paimer, Mr and Mrs Peter Davies, Mrs Sally Murpher, Mr Douglas Gordon.

Mr Henry Powler and Mrs Beryl Chitty, Mrs Janet Unwie, Mr and Mrs Alec Tobott, Mr John Christie, Mr D J McCarthy, Mr Christopher Gandy, Mr Roger Jackling, Mr Robin Byall, Mr Alab Brooke Tomer, Mr John de Courcy Ling, Mr and Mrs Peter

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Miciated and the Right Rev Hassan Dehqari-Tafti rend a Ms Emma Parsons. oraver. laughter, Mr Michael Adams and Mr Glencairn Balfour-Paul gave readings, Mr Ghaith Armanazi, Head of the London office of the Arab League, read a message from the secretary-general. Lord Carrington, KG, CH, gave an

The Prime Minister was represented by Mr J.E. Holmes. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was repre-sented by Sir Michael Pike and the Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service attended.
The Ambassador of Egypt and the Ambassador of Bahrain at-

tended and the Iranian Charge d'Affaires was represented by Mr Hossein Mafi Moghaddam. Hossein Mafi Moghaddam.
Among others present were:

Mr David Lee (son-In-law), Mrs Amne
Parsons (daughter-in-law), Mrs Amne
Parsons (daughter-in-law), Rosie Lee,
Simon Parsons and Miss Rebecta
Parsons (grandchildren), ViceAdmiral Str Thomas and Lady Baird,
forother-in-law and sister-in-law),
Mrs Margaret Parsons and Mrs
Maude Plumptre (sisters-in-law), Mr
and Mrs John Young and other
members of the family.
Earl Jellings Vissuaut Simon the
Bishop of Exeter, lord Bridges (UK
national chairman, UNICEP), Lord
and Lady Greenhill of Harmy, Lord
Hum of Tarworth, Lord Gilmotr of
Craigmiliar, Lord Donaldson of
Kingsbridge, Lord Owen, CH, and
Lady Own, Lord Mayhew (Middle
East International (Publishers)) with
Mr Michael Wall; Lord Pym, Lord
Denman, Mr Aubrey Jones, Sir Porcy
Cradock, Sir Michael Palliser, the
Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham, the Hon
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Church of Scotland

The Rev Sandy (Alexander) Mc-Donald has been nominated as Moderator designate of the General

The Rev J. Rouald Dick, Chaplain at

The Rev Linda Stewart, Auditory at Killean and Kilchenzie

The Rev Alex Whiteford to Andersier

with Petry
The Rev Elizabeth Gregorn part-time
to St Andrew's, Drumchapel

The Rev Scott Kirkland to Brightons
The Rev David Almond to
Dryfesdale, Lockerbie

The Rev Joyce Keyes to Edity with Stronsey Moncur Memorial The Rev James D McCulloch to

The Rev David J Tavemer to

and Liman The Rev Fiona Richard to St Mar-

Translations
The Rev James M. Cowie from
Burnfoot, Hawick to Community
Minister at Richmond Craigmillar,
Edinburgh and Chaplain to the
Thistle Foundation, Craigmillar.
The Rev Stuart D. Rogerson from
Annan Old to Strathaven West.
The Rev Derek W. Hughest from
Townhead, Conthridge to Daiziel St.
Andrew's, Motherwell.

The Rev William T. Cullen from St.

John's Ontbank, Kilmarnock The Rev Gillian M. Morton from Hospital chaplain at Borders Gen-

eral Hospital
The Rev Thomas B.S. Dundes from

West Kirk of Calder
The Rev Duncan J. McGregor from
Channelkirk with Lauder Old

The Rev Peter Price from Blantyre Old

The Rev Gordon M. Simpson from Leslie Trinity The Rev William D. Watt from

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The Rev Keith M
Locitwood, Glasgow

Borders General Hospital

Ordinations and inductions

Introduction

Ordination

Douglas Gordon, Mr Etting, Worshop, Dr and Mrs F Ala, Dr and Mrs Parviz Ala, Mr and Mrs Gordon W Ridley, Dr Fida Nasraliah, Mr and Mrs Alaszair Manson, Ms Seima Cadell, Ms Jane Wymark, Mr lan Finisyson, Mr John Smoker, Mr Parough Parman-Farmalan, Dr Road Rohany, Mr Frank Edwards, Miss Bellinda Lindeck, Canon and Mrs Geoffrey Griffith, Mrs E Lloyd Davies, Mr Tom Hammick, Mr Norman Hillierfy, Mr Parviz C Radil, Mr Frank Brenchley, Mr A Journales.

Dr Alexander Borg-Olivier (United National) with Mrs A de Doncher and Ms Jane Weldung (New York: Mr Malcolm Harper (president, UN Association, UK) with Miss Suzanne

branches: Ms Sukey Cameron (Palkland Islands Government), Mr David Howell (Sooth Arlands Cooncil), Mr Michael Rice (Bahrain British Poundation), Mr B H G Mills tiltretor. Council for Advancement of Arab-British Understanding) with Ms Maria Holt. Professor Adam Roberts (Balliof College, Oxford), Ms Lucy Weir (Refuge Studies Programme, Oxford University).

Professor E W Abel (Space Professor E W Abel (Execution Professor E W Abel (Execution Investity) with Mr Kamil Mahdi (Centue for Arabian Guil Studies) and Ma Ann Williams (Centue for Medius ranean Studies); Dr John Rea and Ms Ann Williams (Centre for Mediterranean Studies); Dr John Rea (Principal, St Mark and St John College. Plymouth) with Mr H R Durowse. Mr Blartin Kenyon (Oversons Students Trust), Ms Margaret Quass (Council for Edwarden in World Cithenshiel, Mr Desmond Harney (president British Institute of Persian Studies) and Mrs Harney, Mr Dermod Knox (Baha'i Community of UR, Ms Mary Unwin (Devid Davies Institute), Mr Bill Davies (director, Weish Centre for Indernational Affairs). Mr Deres J Johnson (International Military Services), Mr Anthony S Westnedge (English-Sneaking Linkon) with Mrs

Memorial meeting

Sir Kingsley Amis A memorial meeting for Sir Kingsley Amis, writer, was held yes-terday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. come and introduced the speakers viso included Professor Karl Miller, Mr Tim Jaques, Mrs Mavis Nicholson, Dr Blake Morrion, Mr Christopher Hitchens and Mr Dominick Harrod. Among others present were:

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Servicest, Mr Anthony S Westnedge
(English-Speaking Union) with Mrs.
Cherny Martin (ESI), South West
England) and Mr Parick Clarry
(PSU, Exter and Esut Devon; Mr
Howard. J. Thompson (Eishop
Simeon Trust), Mr Cyril D.
Townsend, MP, (Lord Caradon
Lecture Trust), Mr Hugh Tunnell
Letture Safer World) and many other
rhends and former colleagues from
the Us and overnam.

Mr Philip Amis (son). Miss Saliy Amis (daughter), Jessica Amis, Louis Amis, Jacob Amis and Miss Delilah Amis, Incob Amis and Miss Dellini Seale (grandchildren).
Lord and Lady Klimarmock, Lord Llord George of Dwyfur, the Hoo Victoria Robischild, the Hon Gerard Noel, the Hon Emma Soames, Sir Renneth Bradshaw, Sir Pranik Kermode, Sir Mervyn and Lady Brown, Mir John Bayley and Dame Iris Mundoch, Miss Elizabeth Jane Howard, Mr Ferdinant Mount, Mr and Mrs Derwent May, Mr Bernard Levin, Mir Derek Nimmo, Mr Eddle Bell, Mr Donald Treibrid, Mr and Mrs Plers Paul Read, Mr Geoffrey Nicholson, Miss Antonia Phillips. Miss Isabel Forneca, Mr Godfrey Strath, Mr John Amis, Professor Kenneth Minogue, Mr and Mis Anibony Gray, His Honour and Mrs Brian Galpin, Mr Salman Rushole, Miss Margaret Quass, Mr Patrick Gariand, Mrs Jill Day-Lewis, Mr Alan Ross, Mr Paul Johnson, Mr and Mrs Michael Rush.

Michael Rush.

Miss Naomi Lewis, Mr Tom Rosenthal, Ms Gail Rebuck, Mr Hilary Rubinstein, Mr Renneth Snowman, Mr and Mrs Zachary Leader, Mr and Mrs Michael Rush, Mr Rowland Davies, Mr David Lodge, Mr Mark Gerson, Miss Candia McWilliam, Mr Maicolm Edwards, Mr Norman Garrod, Mr and Mrs Tom Maschler, Mrs Valerie Grove, Mr Alan Hollinghurst, Mr John Gross, Mrs Cazherine Freeman, Mr Ian Arken, Miss Jane Pye, Mrs Grove, Mr. Alan Hollinghurst. Mr. John Gross, Mrs Zatherine Freeman, Mr Ian Attken, Miss Jane Pve, Mrs. Miriam Gross, Ms. Philippa Harrison, Mr. Alan Jenkins, Dr. Michael Contan, Mr. Alan Walkins, Miss Claire Tomalin, Mr. Lionel Bloch, Ms Vessna Urusevic. Mr. Patrick, Seale, Miss Vidia Nalpaul, Mr. Nigel Williams, Ms. Glynis Roberts, Mr. Graham Green, Mr. Geoffirey Moore, Mr. James Cellan-Jones, Professor and Mrs. John Postgate, Mr. Alan Belen, Mr. D. J. Enright, Mr. Christopher Hotne, Mr. Mark Amory, Mr. Michael Taylor, Mr. Mark Amory, Mr. Michael Taylor, Mr. John Myrne, Mrs. Colin Welch, Mr. John McDermon, Professor Robin Ort, Ms. Wendy Cope, Ms. Julie Kavanagh, Mr. Eric Jacobs, Mr. Kelth Waterhouse, Miss Sylvie Johnson.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Sich, Miss Livia Gollancz, Dr Maggie Gee, Mr Paul Ferris, Mr David Williams, Dr Kate Buckneil, Miss Felicity Williams, Mr Colin Howard, Mr Simon Raison, Mrs Beverly Cohen, Mr Russell Davies, Ms Paula Johnson, Mr David Plante, Mr Tony Lacey, Ms Tamsin Day-Lewis, Mr and Mrs Richard Law, Mr and Mrs Nigel Kneale, Mr Michael Shaw, Mrs K Kilmartin, Mr Florence Or Donoghue, Mr John Walker, Mr and Mrs Stefan Leszzuk, Miss E Kirkhride, Mr C M Vines, Mr Nicholas Bagnall, Professor Phillip Gardner, Mr Toby Buchan, Ms Elena Meleagrou, Miss Alexandra Hitchens, Mr Tony Whittome, Mrs Eve Thomas, Mr Paul Gante, Mr Anthony Howard (The Times).

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Mr Amhony Howard (The Times), Mr Geordie Greig (The Sunday Times), Mrs Katle Campbell (Evening Standard), Ms Jane Mays (Dally Mall), Mr Mark Le Panu (Society of Authors), Mr Bruce Hunter (David Higham) Associates), Mr Peter Carson (Penguin Books), Mr Peter Carson (Penguin Books), Mr Peter Carson (Penguin Books), Mr Peter Janson-5-mith (chairman also representing the directors, Gildrose Publications) and Mrs Janson-Smith, Mr John Heald (Betjeman Society) and Mrs Heald, Mr Eric Shoner (Royal Theantical Pund), Mrs Lisa Parkes (Walton Theatre Collection), Mr Anthony Butcher, QC, Ichairman, Gartick with Mr Martin Harvey (Secretary), Mr Denis Dobig (Consul-General for Amsterdam), Mr Ian Hall (pestion), Bioomsbury International Society) and many other friends.

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REBECCA NADE

Marriages

Mr i.D. Fleming

Miss D.M.P. Parry de Winton The marriage took place on Saturday. October 19. at Crathie Parish Church, of Mr Iain Fleming, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Fleming, and Miss Davidona Parry de Winton, daughter of Madam Fanguharson of Invercauld and the late Mr Nicholas Parry de Winton and stepdaughter of Captain Alwyne Compton Farquharson of Invercauld. The Rev Keith Angus. LVO, TD, MA, officiated, assisted by the Rev Robert Sloan, MA, BD. The bride, who was given away by her stepfather, was attended by Rory and Adam Baynes and Oliver Coysh. Major Hugh Blackman was best man.

A reception was held Invercauld

Mr E.A.G. Jones and Miss H.L. Anwyl

The marriage took place on Sat-urday. October 19, at St Peter's Church, Stonyhurst, between Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs Antony Jones, of Ashford Hill, Berkshire, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter The Rev Father Bernard Anwyl officiated, assisted by the Re-Father Michael O'Halloran, SJ. and the Rev Father Clifford Taunton, SJ.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Anna Jones, Jack Anwyl and Rosie and Francesco Leoni Mr Jonathan Patrick was best

Stonyhurst College and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Service dinners

HMS Collingwood Admiral Sir Peter Abbott, Commander-in-Chief Fleet, was the guest of honour and proposed the past to The Immortal Memory at a dinner held last night onboard HMS Collingwood to mark the 191st anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Commander J Blackett.

HM8 Battles Officers of HMS Battleam held their final Trafalgar Night Dinner onhoard HMS Battleans last night at sea off Cape Trafalgar. Lieuten-ant-Commander Dillon Howarth presided and Commander Alian Adair proposed the toast to The Immortal Memory.

Dinners

Hong Kong Trade Development

The Governor of Hong Kong was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council held last night at the Dorchester hotel. Dr Victor K. Fung, chairman of the council, was the host. Among others present were.

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The President of the Board of Trade, the Hong Kong Commissioner in London, the Honorary President of the Hong Kong Association, the Chairman of the British Hong Kong Parliamentary Group, the Erecutive Director of the Hong Rong Trade Development Council, Batoness Dunn, Mr Renneth Baker, CH, MP, Mr Jeremy Hanley, MP, Sir Hamish Macieod, Mr Anthony Neison, MP, Mr John Taylor, MP, Members of both Houses of Parliament, senior government officials, journalists and representatives from the business communities of Britain and Hong Kong.

United & Cool Club

Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, was in the chair at a dinner given by the United & Cecil Club last night at the House of Commons. Mr Antony Newton, MP, was the principal guest. Councillor Keith Mitchell also spoke.

Academy of Experts Lord Howe of Aberavon, CH, QC, President of the Academy of Ex-perts, was the host at a fellows' dinner held last night at the Athenseum. Lord Mackennie-Stuart was among those present.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr. M.S. Brewin and Miss LK Stubblefield J The engagement is announce between Michael, eldest son of f Rev and Mrs Donald Brewin, of Rev and with Belfordshire, and Billington, Belfordshire, and Leigh, daughter of Mr and Mr. Peter Stubblefield, of Ason

Berkshire. Mr I.A. Cockhill and Miss K.M. Green

The engagement is announced between lain, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Roger Cockhill of Ches Magna, Somerset, and Katherine younger daughter of Mr and Mr Maurice Green, of Lincolnshire.

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Mr J.N. Houghton and Miss S.J. Curtis The engagement is announced between Jamie, son of Mr and Mr. Neil Houghton, of Wylde Green Sutton Coldfield, and Sarah daughter of Mr and Mrs David Curtis, of Cobham, Surrey. Mr M.B. Rowland

and Miss H.J. Kydd The engagement is announced between Mark Brinley Rowland of Hampton Hayes, Worthen Shropshire, and Helen Jary younger daughter of Mr and ND Douglas Kydd, of Twylord

Oswestry. Mr H.G.W. Swire and Miss A.M.P. Note
The engagement is announced between Hugo, son of Mr Humphrey Swire and Mrs Philippa Swire, and Alexandra (Sasha).

daughter of Sir John and Lady Mr M. Wiggins and Miss N. Flanders

The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs David Wiggins, of Charlon Mackrell, Somerset, and Nicola, daughter of Mrs Sally Flanders, of Bexley, Kent.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean-Philippe Rameau organist and composer, Dijon, 1683; Francis Jeffrey, Lord Jeffrey, judge and literary critic, Edin-burgh, 1773: Adalbert Stifter, novelist. Oberplan. Czechosłovakia, 1805; Pierre Larousse, lexicog-rapher, Yonne, France, 1837; Roberi Bridges. Poet Laureate (913-30, Walmer, Kent, 1844; Louis Alel, Canadian insurgent, St Bonizae, Manitoba, 1844; George Samts bury, critic and historian, Southampton, 1845; Douglas Jardine, Surrey and England cricket captain, Bornbay, 1900; Diana Dors, actress, Swindon, Wiltshire 1931.

DEATHS: Thomas Pride, Parliamentary soldier, Worcester House, Surrey, 1658; Edward Stanley, 14th Earl of Derby, Prime Minister 1852, 1858-59 and 1866-68, London, 1869: Théophile Gautier poet and novelist. Neuilly-sur-Seine, 1872; W.G. Grace, cricketer, London, 1915; John Boyd Duniop. inventor of the pneumatic tyre, Dublin, 1921; Zane Grey, writer of western novels, Altadena. Califor nia, 1939; Al Jolson, singer, San Francisco, 1950; Merle Oberon. actress, Los Angeles, 1979.

The Cavaliers of King Charles I Parliamentary Roundheads at the Battle of Edgehill, 1642. The first Parliament of Great Britain met, 1707. The battle of El Alamein began, 1942

Chartered Secretaries and Administrators

The following have been installed officers of the Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Geoffrey Finn: Senior Warden, Rear-Admiral James Carine; Junior Warden, Group Captain John H. Constable.

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CRAME - Richard and Sam are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Daniel John on 22nd October 1990 at Liandough Hospital.

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JAY - On October 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Kone (note Lines) and Nicholas, a beautiful daughter, Alice Florence.

LAMDERS - On October 18th at Queen Mary's, Roshampton, to Garoline and Michael, another beautiful daughter, Phoebe Constance, a sister for Imogen and Richard.

MORGAM-WILLIAMS - On October 15th, a daughter, Elegant Meryl, to Summan (nice Coombe-Temann) and Robert. (nie Country Landay Robert 20th in Sunsaset, to Thomas and Modwena (nie Northcote), a son, William

DEATHS

BIRTHS

ASIDERSON - Suddenly on October 18th 1996 at the Bede Cottage, Harlanton, Oliver Charles Anderson (Cit) aged 24 years, wither son of the late Reverend Sobert john Anderson and brother of Milliount Bond, Fungers! at Granthans Crematorium on Tuesday October 29th at noon, Luminous in the off County of the British Heart Foundation are being received by David Holland & Son, London Road, Camping, Carl John on 18th

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ASSITION - Cyril John on 19th
October 1996 aged 91 years.
Funeral at Glynn Valley
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BAXTER - Joan Anne (nice BAXTER - Joan Anne (née Indian) on October 21st 1996 at home after a valiant fight against cancer aged 58 per. Dark beford the ci Michael David, laving mother of Mary and Elizabeth and gandmother to Annabel Grenty loved by hes family and immunerable friends. Requirem Mass at 1130 am Thursthy October 24th at The English Martys: Church, Strood, Rochester, Kest, Flowers to Medway Funderal Directors, 108 Frindsbury Road, Rochester.

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BEDFORD - A.W. "Bill" on October 20th 1996 aged 75 peacefully but suddenly at kingston Hospital, much leved husband of Mary, father of Peter and grandfather of Charles and the Theorem 1997 and Carist Church, Esher, on Honday October 28th at 2.15 pm for all friends and colleagues, followed by private cremation. All will be been supported by the private cremation. All will be been supported by the private cremation and the flowers or denations if federal is part date. Flowers or denations if federal is EAF. Resoulted Fund of passes a Thomas Ltd. Practal Elizerous, Mill Boad, Cohham, KTI 1 3AL, ast (01932) \$62009.

London, to Laven Lagor and Eric, their first child, a daughter, Arimum Marie.

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Lossel, Caroline for Bertie, 10 Alem and Jane, a beautiful baby boy Bors on 17th October, a brother for Bertie, Jacob, Revalone, Leopeld and Leopeld and Jeff, a son, Tristan Nicholan, a brother for Charlotte and Toby.

EYAMS - On 16th October 1996, peacefully in Maidatune General Hospital "Billy" (William Alfred Acthelwold) of Bournemouth, Classicist, Bridge Flayer and Southel fan. Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Monday 28th October at 2.50 pm. No flowers by request please, but if desired, donations for The Boxley Unit, Maidatone General Hospital may be sent to Head & Wheble Passual Directors, la Octobel Road, Lansdowne, Bournemouth Eff8 SEX, tak (01202) 551190. Fig. 08 - Sidney Philip Lawrence on 19th October 1996 at Mayday Hospital Corrien bloom is the of Lieschotte and father of Prances and Sophia Loving grandfather of Jean, Dinne and Sainuel, Funeral at Croydon Crematorium on Friday 25th October at

on Veauce - Saron Engine, stademly on 18th October 1996. Sadly missed by family and friends. Frament Service on Monday 28th October at the Woking Crematorium at 3 pm. All Services, tel: (01483) 567394.

phonon: - Raymond suddenly but peacefully on October 21st, beloved busband of Augula, devoted father and grandfather. Will be sudly shoot and forever loved.

CLEMOTT - On 21st October suddenly in hospital of Greenhow aged 76 years, junet, beloved sisten, friend of many and faithful Christian, Funeral service and inhument will, be held at 5t Many's Church, Greenhow BUL, North Perkehing at 2 pm on Friday 25th October. Donations in lien of flowers may be given at the Church, Friends pisses more at the Church. A Manuscul Service for the child of the church of the

MACKETT - Allem Claystes on October 20th peacefully to hospital atter a long hence battle. Greetly loved and sadily missed by all his heatly and frients. Funeral Service at North Holmwood Chunch 3.30 pm on Throughay October 26th, followed by counstion at Leatherhead. Family Towers early but docutions to hope Marvelon, Serten.

john (wallest, naturalist and writer), a dear husband, fasher and brother. Figural Service and committal at York Minster on Friday October 25th at 1.30 pm. Menorial Service inter at All Saints Church, Margaret Street, London. No flowers please. Donations if se desired to York District Hospital. Enquiries to J. Hymer Funeral Services, (01904) 424320.

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Thomas Arthur Willoughby

Green, of Bournemouth, Dorset,

left estate valued at £919,376 net.

Gladys Violet Johnson, of Richmond-upon-Thames, Surrey, left

estate valued at £873,354 net.

JEFFCOAT - Margaretha Kathleen. Passed away pencarally on 16th October 1996 aged 94. In Wallingford Community Hospital Fonemal Service at Dorchester on Thames, Onon. on Monday 28th October at 2 pm. No flowers please. Enquiries to E & H Seden. 10 Wantage Read, Didcott (01228) 510022.

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EXECUTE - Jack passed away peacutally on October 20th. Dursty level by the late Edu, and by Elizabeth, Christopher, Lan, Tannin, and Ben.

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Duncan Milliken, left, Mrs Jessie Dunn, and Detective Constable John Duffy with the Queen's Gallantry Medals awarded to them at an investiture at Buckingham Palace yesterday. Mrs Dunn's husband David was shot dead at

point-blank range as he, Mr Milliken (a neighbour) and DC Duffy helped to foil an attempted armed bank robbery near Edinburgh two years ago. Mrs Dunn, 62, said: "I'll treasure this medal — the Queen said Davie was a very brave man"

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mostratust de Mengoviu -Dominique, on 19th October 1996 tragically in a car-accident. Seloved husband of Katie, father of Alix and Heart. Femenal at Egisto St. Etjeane, Avis, Hannut, Belgium, today Wednesday 12th October.

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ROBENSON - Beth Charence (ade Sulth) suddenly but peacefully at home in Welwyn Garden City, on 16th October, and 89 years. Beloved wite of the late Dr. Frank Arnold Robinson. Sadly missed by all her hands and them. Francis Service at R. Poerr Chruch, Towin, on Monday 28th October at 3 pat, followed by private creatation. No flowers by request but feent Foundation may be sent to Goo. W. Row & Sons. Church Street, Welvyn, tel: (01438) 714686. Marten aged 77, beloved hurband of Jean, died passorbily at home on 20th October, Pussesi at Lichfield Cathedral Saturday 9th Hovenber 12 noon, Panelly flowers only.

DAYLOR - Dwarps, died on his 72rd birthday September 27th 1996. Forever sadly missed by his sister heulah, his nices Caroline and his septew Fabius and all his friends, with us always.

Charles Edward Pevensoy. Charles Edward Pevensoy. Charles Edward Pevensoy. Charles died at home on the evening of Saturday 19th October 1996. Funeral Savice at Inaquit Rick on Tuesday 29th October at 1.30 pm.

VARDERFEIT - Jank Margorst processally at home to Willow on Monday 21st October after a long library defaulty borne. Beloved wife of Robin, mother of Chen, jonathon, Zach and Tom, rister of Tuny, Funezal at 2t Margorial Service at 2t Mary and Stillcholm Church, Wilton, 2.20 pm Wednesday Soth Dessen, Freems wilcome or donations for The Equipment Fund, Opstales Sunger, Wilton, 60 Encher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Desser (01747) \$22464.

WELLATY - Str Hook aged 87 in Charlog Comes Boughtal on Friday October 18th. Solicitor at Nottingham and London, late Secretary General Arts Council Proment Sewice at Streter's, Black Lion Lame, off King Street, Hammersmith, on Monday October 28th at 3 jun followed by cremation. No flowers please. Donations if you wish payable to Eritish Heart Foundation c/o W.R. Bond Promal Directors, 127 High Bond, Chiewick, London We 22th.

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Stefan Knapp, artist and architectural enamelist, died on October 12 aged 75. He was born in Bilgoraj. Poland, on July II, 1921.

man whose vision of the world was tempered in the brutal environment of a Siberian labour camp. Stefan Knapp rose above the sufferings of his early life to become an artist whose glowing colours and ubstruct designs reflect an instinctive optimism and faith in life. Although he knew that much in the modern world was not beautiful, he dedicated himself to improving the man-made environment, and it was as an architectural enamelist that he became best known.

Even as a prisoner of the Stalinist regime Knapp pursued his art, moulding small sculptures from pulverised bread and tattooing his fellow captives with needles heated over burning meat fat. Not even a spell in solitary confinement as a punishment for wasting food could deter him. Later, as a British citizen, he spent years pioneering new techniques for enamelling steel. The refulgent colours and dramatic designs of his murals may be seen on public buildings all over the world. His work soars upwards on skyscrapers in America, it enlivens hospitals in Düsseldorf and London, and commemorates the Battle of Britain in Warsaw. Shortly before he died he went to Heathrow airport to see the mural which he had created for the new transit building designed by Sir Richard Rogers.

Stefan Knapp was born into an educated and financially secure family in the village of Bilgoraj in eastern Poland where his father, the owner of a small sieve-making factory, was a piliar of the local community. As a boy Stefan had a contented upbringing. He loved to fish in the nearby rivers, to roam the countryside with his friends, to draw and read and listen to music. But, growing up at a time when Poland was trying to steer its precarious course among the powers of Europe, especially Germany and the Soviet Union, politics too became an integral part of his life and never more penetratingly than when, in September 1939, his father was arrested by the Russians who had just invaded Poland from the East. He was never seen again, nor did the family ever find out what had happened to him.

Stefan Knapp was at this time studying in Lvov with the intent, eventually, of winning a place at art college. Young Poles, particularly students, were regarded with suspicion by the Soviet forces, eager to crush any resistance to their occupation. Knapp was barely 18 years old when, talking to a friend one day on a seized and, sentenced to a spell of hard labour, transported to a desolate Siberian camp.

The long, cramped train journey - across the steppes was but a foretaste

the hardship that was to come.

Knapp was later to remember with STEFAN KNAPP



pain how a woman gave birth to a child on the journey, and how, with no medical facilities available, the baby was stillborn. The stricken woman clung to her dead child for two days until it was wrenched from her arms by the Russian guards.

It was winter in Siberia when they arrived. None of the prisoners was equipped for the biting cold. Sent out every day to work clearing forests for an intended railway line, they were quickly debilitated by the meagre rations and the inexorable temperatures. Yet any man who did not perform his quota of work for the day Knapp and his colleagues only managed to survive by capturing and eating the guard dogs, the only creatures in the camp with any meat on them at all. Yet, even despite this occasional

fragment of stolen meat. Knapp's

health began to deteriorate severely. Suffering extreme mineral and vitamin deficiencies his eyesight began to fail and his emaciated legs to swell until he could scarcely walk. Eventually he was so incapacitated that he

was taken by a sympathetic orderly

to see a doctor.

While Knapp was waiting for medical attention he found himself, to his delight, with a pencil and paper in his hand for the first time for many months. He whiled away the time sketching the orderly who was waiting with him. It was his drawing skills which were to save his life. So talent that they considered it a waste to send him back to hard labour and decided to set him to work as a designer in their propaganda department instead. He was given a raw onion to eat every day, and in a short time, with the intake of vitamin E, he

regained his eyesight and his legs healed. From this moment on Knapp regained hope of survival.

It was three years to the day since Knapp had entered the labour camp that he was released, his freedom granted as a result of a men for arms exchange, agreed between Churchill and Stalin. Knapp and other Polish prisoners of war formed a Polish corps under General Anders and went on to fight with distinction alongside the Allies.

in 1942 Knapp, who had been in Tehran, Bombay and then Cape Town, arrived in London, where he He trained as a fighter pilot, flying Spitfires, and volunteered for longrange reconnaissance duties, involved in providing information for the 8th Army by bringing back photographs of prospective targets. The targets were usually of prime

analyses.

TREVOR WILLIAMS importance to the enemy and so were



Trevor Williams, scientific writer and historian, died on October 12 aged 75. He was born on July 16, 1921.

FOR 50 years Trevor Williams guided the fortunes of Endeavour, a quarterly scientific journal of consistently high quality. An Oxford chemist who became a writer and historian of science by way of ICI, he was also one of the editors of the Oxford History of Technology, which ap-peared in five volumes in the 1950s. Later he was the sole editor of the final two volumes, published in 1978, which brought the story up to 1950.

A tall man with a reserved manner. Trevor Williams was educated at Clifton College and Queen's College, Oxford, and became a research scholar at the School of Pathology in the last years of the war. In 1945 he became deputy editor of Endeavour, a journal launched during the war by the Royal Society, with the support of ICI, as a beacon of British science.

He became editor in 1954. broadening the scope of the journal to embrace an international readership and remaining in charge until 1995. In the earlier years he combined the role with that of advising ICi on the disbursement of grants to academic researchers.

in 1977 Endeavour became part of Robert Maxwell's Pergamon stable, and subsenuy, ai Pergamon, of Elsevier Trends Journals. Like many other editors of Pergamon's scientific journals, Trevor Williams claimed to find little fault with Maxwell, whose management style he compared favourably.

if tongue-in-cheek, with others he had worked for

Over the years he commissioned, edited and published more than 1,500 articles and 4,000 book reviews for the journal. He also wrote editorials, often with an historical theme. With uncanny timing, the 100th issue coincided with the bicentenary of the circum-navigation of the Earth by Captain Cook in HMS Endeavour, and the 200th with the launch of the space shuttle, also called Endeavour.

He also produced a stream of books, mostly on the history of chemistry or of science and technology more generally. The history of technology is a notoriously slippery subject, often prone to chauvinistic bias, but the Oxford History can largely be acquitted of this, and has worn well. For the early volumes Trevor Williams was a junior partner. though one who took on a major part of the work, but he later produced (with T. K. Derry) a single-valume Short History of Technology in 1960.

He also wrote biographies of Nobel, Captain Cook, Howard Florey and the chemist Robert Robinson, His last book, published just a few days before his death, was Our Scientific Heritage, an alphabetical gazetteer of Britain and Ireland.

Williams served for almost 20 years on the council of University College, Swansea, and was a member of the Museum's advisory council, 1972-84. Many have cause to be grateful for his advice, and his shrewd judgment will long survive him in the books he wrote and edited. He leaves a widow Sylvia,

four sons and a daughter.

RICHARD CLARKSON

Richard Clarkson, OBE, aeronautical engineer. died on October 7 aged 92. He was born on July 14. 1904.

IN A career which began in the era of the piston-engined light aircraft and ended in that of the jet airliner. Richard Clarkson made a major contribution to the aerodynamic

development of virtually every de Havilland aircraft between 1929 and 1959. As such, he contributed to the success of aircraft as different as the high-wing Puss Moth tourer of 1929; the incomparable wartime Mosquito bomber:

the twin-boom Vampire jet of 1944; and the DH 106 Comet jet airliner of 1949.

And when, in 1960 de craft project conception

Havilland was subsurned into Hawker Siddeley Aviation in one of the "shotgun marriages" which took place in the industry in the wake of the Duncan Sandys Defence White Paper of 1957, Clarkson continued to serve his new masters in the development of the HS125 executive jet. The outstanding advances in air-

represented by his work on this highly successful small airliner won him the Mullard Gold Medal of the Royal Society in 1969.

One of the most astute of the small band of aerodynamicists and "aero-elasticians" of the British aircraft industry during its formative years. Clarkson brought skill and imagination to bear on aircraft design at a time when intuition was first being allied to scientific research, when an 'eye-for-line" was starting to be backed up by mathematical

Richard Milroy Clarkson was educated at Clayesmore School, Blandford, Dorset, and at the City and Guilds College, London. He started as an apprentice in de Havilland's fitting shop at Stag Lane, moving on two years later to the drawing office.

He also became de

Havilland's flight-test observer and gained his pilot's A licence in the RAF Reserve. On his own admission he was "an inept pupil" who needed nearly 15 hours of dual instruction to go solo. During the next 15 years, until he gave up his licence in 1945, he logged a total of only 94 flying hours just sufficient, as he said, "to keep my hand in".

Those were the days of a small, close-knit team under Geoffrey de Havilland and his brother-in-law, Frank Hearle, Indeed, many of its members were related. This brought to the company an unequalled esprit de corps under de



he became known. Vibrant colours -

inspired by long spells spent in the

South of France - were woven into

crisp, semi-abstract patterns which

reflected those of a landscape viewed

It was chance that led him into the

field of enamelling, in which he was

to become world-famous. He had

taken a young woman to lunch and she had been wearing an antique limoges enamel brooch which she

had borrowed without permission.

Knapp, fascinated by its beauty,

asked her to unpin it so that he could

examine it more closely. He dropped

it by accident. Horrified, he promised

to have it repaired, but, could find no

craftsman to do so. Locking himself

in the jewellery department at the Slade for a weekend, he experiment-

ed again and again with enamelling,

until he was able to repair the brooch

An outgoing and engaging charac-

ter, knapp loved good food, wines and conversation. His lively sense of

fun animated all he did. Even his

autobiography, The Square Sun (1956), which recounts his experiences

as one of Stalin's prisoners, is

marked by a keen sense of humour.

He was also a great inventor and

developed several patents for shoes

which stayed on with suction pads and a huge wheel that enabled a

person pacing inside it to walk on the

water. Knapp always maintained his childhood love of nature and was

particularly knowledgeable about

He worked up until the end of his

life and even at the time of his death

several commissions were still in the

pipeline. He had also done much of

the groundwork for the establish-

in the Royal College of Art so that he

could pass on his knowledge to future

He is survived by his third wife,

Cathy, and their two sons, as well as

a son from a previous relationship.

Knapp was married three times.

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from the air.

Havilland's paternal leadership and flying expertise. De Havilland was a firm believer in "the creative process, un-contaminated by theoretical expertise". But Richard Clarkson was always exempted from his deep-seated suspicion of "figure workers".

This philosophy led to a succession of de Havilland aircraft renowned for their aerodynamic and flying characteristics. To all of them Clarkson and his team contributed essential performance data, estimates and.

then, reports on their flying characteristics. Before the war, an outstanding de Havilland achievement was the design and completion, in only eight months, of three DH88 Comet racer aircraft for the 1934 MacRobertson International Air Race from Mildenhall, Suffolk, to Melbourne, Australia. Of the nine finishers out of the original 20 starters, four were de Havilland aircraft. One of the DH88s won the race. From the DH88 came one of

the outstanding aircraft of the

Second World War, the wooden 387mph DH98 Mosquito mber, and this was succeeded by the jet-powered DH100 Vampire, the first aircraft in the world to exceed 500mph in level flight. Between April and June 1944 Clarkson was a leading member of the British Jet Propulsion Mission to the United States. Shortly before the end of the war he visited Germany, to assess German aeronautical know-how, a trip which led to the unexpected revelation of the significance of swept wings for trans-sonic flight.

In July 1949 came the first flight of the DH106 Cornet jet

group had to step into the unknowns of turbine-powered performance. But the disasters that were to afflict the Comet came from the new structural problems posed by aircraft pressurisation and not from the aerodynamics. Though these structural failures marred the Comet's early years the aircraft made history by doubling the speed of airliners. After the takeover of de-

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Havilland by Hawker Siddeley, Clarkson's final contribution to the success of British aircraft in world markets was to the HS125 executive jet which first flew in August 1962. Almost a thousand of this type and its developments have now been sold. In 1965 he was appointed Executive Director (Research) of Hawker Siddeley Aviation. He retired in 1969.

Richard Clarkson combined his deep involvement with aeronautical design and development with an equal enthusiasm for horsemanship and hunting - notably with the Sparkford Vale Foxhounds.

He is survived by his wife Sylvia and a daughter.

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WASHINGTON, On 22 President Kennedy tonight said that he has ordered a partial blockade to prevent all supplies of offensive military equipment from reaching Cuba. All ships of any kind, from whatever nation or port, would be turned back if found to contain cargoes of offensive

This, he said, was one of many initial measures ordered since it was established last week that a series of offensive missile sites were now being prepared. This urgent transformation of Cuba into an important strategic base constituted an explicit threat to the peace and security of all the Americans, and contradicted the repeated assurances of Soviet spokesmen that the arms build-up in Cube would retain its original defensive

"It shall be the policy of this nation", Mr. Kennedy said, "to regard any nuclear missile launched from Cuba against any nation in the western hemisphere as an attack by the Soviet Union on the United States requiring a full retaliatory response upon the Soviet Union.

"As a necessary military precaution. I have reinforced our base at Guantanamo, evac-

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The Cold War at its most chilling. America and Russia were on a full alert when Soviet vessels were approaching the blockade. On October 28 they were ordered back by Khrushchev, the blockade was lifted on

uated today the dependents of our personnel there, and ordered additional military units to stand by on an alert basis . . .

"Under the Charter of the United Nations we are asking tonight that an emergency meeting of the Security Council be convoked without delay to take action against this latest Soviet threat to world peace. Our resolution will call for the prompt dismantling and withdrawal of all offensive weapons in Cuba, under the supervision of United Nations observers, before the quarantine ton all offensive military equipment) can be lifted.

I call upon chairman Khrushchev to halt

and eliminate this clandestine, reckless and provocative threat to world peace and to stabilise relations between our two nations. I call upon him further to abandon this course of world domination and to join in a historic effort to end the perilous arms race and transform the history of man ..."

Earlier in his broadcast President Kennedy

said that the characteristics of these new missile sites indicated two distinct types of installations. Several of them included medium-range ballistic missiles, capable of carrying a nuclear warhead for a distance of more than 1,000 nautical miles . . .

The size of this undertaking, Mr Kennedy continued, made clear that it had been planned some months ago. Yet only last month, after he introduction of ground-to-ground missiles and the existence of defensive anti-aircraft missiles. the Soviet Government stated publicly that the armaments and military equipment sent to Cuba were designed exclusively for defensive purposes. That statement was false.

Only last Thursday, as evidence of this rapid offensive build-up was already in his hands. Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, told him that Soviet assistance to Cuba pursued solely the purpose of contributing to the defence capabilities of Cuba. That statement was also false ...

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The biggest story of all time is about the redundant sex

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right. Proper attention, by which I mean the front page, magazine cover, in-depth investigation and situation comedy, is being paid to the biggest story of the millennium - no. I underestimate - the biggest story of all time. That is the discovery that one sex has become redundant.

Only those wearing blinkers can believe that Madonna's motherhood and the wouldbe motherhood of Diane Blood are part of a desperate desire of newspapers to woo women readers. These items are just two bits of the accumulating mountain of evidence that, such are the advances in reproductive technology, the male half of the species

could be retired right now.

And thanked for a job well done? Up to a point. A corollary of the awareness of the longterm implications of the sperm bank is the new recognition that men behave bad-

ly and cause society a lot of expensive angst in the process. Step forward Mrs Gascoigne. Mrs Jagger, Mrs Lawrence, the Dunblane parents and the people of Belgium, to take examples just from last week's news.

The reversal of the balance of power between the sexes is that enuine rarity: new news. What's happening now is not just an extension of the old story about the emancipation of women, running since the Married Women's Property Act. Nor is it just about women getting control of their fertility - my

In part, but only in part, the new news is economic. Thanks to electronics - "men's" jobs — the work that requires muscle to pull that barge and tote that bale — have disappeared. Computers and household appliances have wiped out the division of labour between the sexes, a form of social organisation that the human race carried up from the ape. Should we lament the destruction of the role of men in contemporary society? ("The second sex?", The Times, October 14.) Or rather, as a reader from Oxfordshire then wrote in protest, should we not bemoan "the housewife who has lost an empire and has yet to find a role"?

candidate for the story of the millennium.

The shift in the nature of work, though, strikes at the heart of sex itself. No less than The Economist has recognised this with a five-page special, "The trouble with men", on September 28. Conceding that men are "more socially undesirable from almost every point of view" - even to being more stupid than women - it pointed out that joblessness also reduces their attractiveness as marriage partners. The result: a society of productive, purposeful, working mothers

unemployed men. A sad commentary on residual male prejudice followed last week when Marjorie Scardino, The Economist's admirable chief executive, was appointed head of the Pearson group and Pearson's shares chau-

vinistically dropped 1L5p.

The ascendancy of the female has had another consequence for the media. Practices that have gone unnoticed for centuries now become front-page news. The New York Times on October 5 devoted part of its front page and more than a full page inside to the African ritual of female circumcision. Done with the Times's good, grey thoroughness, the story provided charts, maps, interviews and a photograph of the rite in progress. I saw a Harvard biochemistry professor thrust away the paper in horror.
Yet it was fair reporting, record-

ing most girls' eagerness to have the job done. Nobody would marry them otherwise; nobody would speak to their fathers. The story also presented the real dilemma of public health officials, national and international, in trying to change a centuries-old tradition. It also recorded, perhaps for the first time, the practitioners' acknowledgement that the purpose of the amateurish surgery is to curb the female sexual appetite. This frankness

helps to make sense of another international news item: the Taleban's locking up of the women of Kabul. What lies hidden under those veils is a threat to male power.

n parenthood mothers enjoy an over-whelming advantage. What is the moving story of Clare Short, MP, and her rediscovered son but another reminder that fatherhood may be fleeting, but motherhood is forever?

How then can today's male proclaim his uniqueness? I got the glimpse of an answer last week at the European Cable Conference. All the experts there agreed that the new cable and satellite channels are for particular audiences with special interests. The organisers of the UK Living Channel, for example, know that almost all their viewers are female. Hence, a chatty programme on sex for women, including "position of the week". The male-on-cibows variant, according to the actor demonstrating it, has the advantage of giving the man a chance to watch television at the same time.

And what do men watch? Herein lies the gender distinction for the next century. The male is the sex that watches sports on

Castro's guns and poses

MOHAMED AL FAYED, the proud new owner of Punch magazine, is apparently in raptures over a recent visit to the mountain home of the Cuban President, Fidel

The cuddly Mr Al Fayed slipped into his jungle fatigues to join Senor Castro and his friend the French actor Gérard Depardieu, who had flown out to indulge his passion, shooting wild duck. A splendid time was had by all and Señor Castro even cooked some of M Depardieu's quarry for supper. The Harrods owner was

also said to be taken with Señor Castro's female bodyguards, a fetching bunch wearing mini-skirts and brandishing semi-automatic Uzis. "It was a very successful

visit," said an aide. "Mr Al Fayed took up a longstanding



Mohamed Al Fayed, left, was enchanted by Fidel Castro

tro to visit him at his moun-tain residence just outside Havana. There was a business purpose to the trip in general and those matters are being pursued."

It is understood, however, that to date there are no plans to introduce similar security arrangements at Harrods.

IT was with some trepidation that Kelvin MacKenzie's guests gathered to eat, drink and be merry at his 50th birthday party at London's Chiswell Brewery last weekend. Who, they wondered nervously, would be chosen to feel the sharp end of the news bunny's tongue during his grand thank you speech? Step forward Kelvin's old

sparring partner Roy Greenlade, a former Sun executive and Daily Mirtor Editor, now Guardian media commentator and presenter for Granada's Talk TV who took the brunt of the ribaldry manfully on the chin.

"Roy Greenslade," said an in-his-element Kelvin to peals of laughter, "is the only journalist I know who is a gamekeeper turned poacher.

Pity we never see such wit on

Canny Sir Cliff

SIR Cliff Richard didn't get where he is today without having a canny business brain to assist his enduring career as pop music's Mr Nice Guy. So it comes as no surprise that, four months on, he is still making capital out of his impromptu free concert at Wimbledon's rain-soaked Centre Court.

When rain stopped play, Sir Cliff sprang to his feet and burst into a string of hit songs including Congratulations.

Within days ticket demand soared for his musical Summer Holiday, which was play-ing at the Blackpool Theatre. Now a medley of three songs from that unscheduled concert are to form the B-side of the single from his new show Heathcliff.

Prince among DJs HAVING offended half of Scotland while broadcasting his Radio I breakfast show from Inverness earlier this year, Chris Evans is now hoping to weave his magic further afield. The naughty boy of the BBC is in negotiation to present his show from the Minneapolis home of the American pop artist formerly

known as Prince.

be flown to the US on the singer's private jet and present the programme from his personal recording studio. Presumably all Evans will be required to do in return is to pay regular homage to the star's genius and mention that he has just signed a brand spanking new deal with EMI.

Turn on, tune in? ANNE ROBINSON and her ferocious Watchdog team have sunk their teeth into poor old Channel 5 before it has even graced our television screens. The burning issue was whether householders risk having their videos trashed by Channel 5's alleg-

edly underqualified retuners. BBC reporter Dan Trelford posed as a wannabe retuner, attending the training course and venturing into suburbia. He reported that the course was inadequate, he was unqualified to carry out some of the work and could have

ruined a prized Panasonic. The Channel 5 supremo David Elstein and his team have a different explanation. They say Mr Trelford failed to grasp the basics, rang in sick too often and that they were going to terminate his contract апужау ... Channel 5's launch date has now been put

Much better the old devil you know

A RATHER ominous study into the effects new Labour would have on the advertising and marketing industries is to be unveiled on Friday. The research, commissioned by Ogilvy and Mather, is entitled The Devil's in the Details and closely examines the impact of the party's plans for advertis-

ing, if and when it comes to power.
The study was compiled by an O&M duo who both once worked for the Labour party. Together they have spoken to numerous party members and closely associated think-tanks, drawing up a weighty document that predicts the effect of Labour's pledges such as the possible introduction of vetting all ads, the banning of all tobacco advertising and the re-regulation of the industry.

The findings should be of particular interest to one O&M client — the Central Office of Information. No doubt the COI mandarins will be

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new masters might be considering doing if they win the election.

MEANWHILE, Lord Saatchi and his team can possibly take comfort from a new poll out this week which suggests their Demon Eyes poster for the Conservative Party won the hardfought battle for publicity against Labour's Same Old Tories, Same Old

The campaign secured five times as much spin-off coverage in the mational press between July and September as the Labour Party's poster, notching up 103 stories, according to the specialist PR company Propeller Marketing Communicat

Significantly, the toll of stories also represents more press coverage than including the celebrated Helio Boys series for Wonderbra.

FERRERO ROCHER'S excellent "ambassador's party" commercial, which has gained cult status, has clearly been so successful an exponent of the "it's-sobad-it's-good" approach to advertising that the Italian chocolate giant has remade it.

The company's in-house agency in Turin, Pubbliregia, has produced a more lavish version of the original film, which ran for seven in the UK. The storyline remains unchanged but. thankfully, the recut has avoided the close-ups that made the orginal travel so badly, facilitating easier dubbing so the film can run across Europe without

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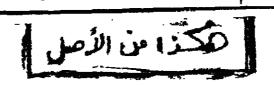
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he said. "The only restraint is the

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In one notable example, an

controls over political broadcasts.

Voters are bored with the presidential contenders and weary of the established view carried on television, Jonathan Prynn reports

t is difficult to believe, watching the endless outpouring of political news on US television networks, that coverage of the presidential election this year is low-key by American standards.

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Since September the main national stations have carried 40 per cent fewer election stories on their evening news programmes than in the same period four years ago. Americans, it seems, no longer care enough about who is going to be their next head of government to justify the broadcast time devoted to past presidential races.

The biggest and most dramatic difference between this race and 1992 is the incredible shrinking coverage of the campaign," said Howard Kurtz, media correspondent of The Washington Post. The one-sided contest and the personalities of the candidates are largely to blame. Both Bob Dole and Bill Clinton are highly experienced politicians with whom the electorate is wearily familiar and who are taking few risks.

The perceived wisdom that President Clinton will win by a mile over an uninspiring candidate uncomfortable in the television age has also sucked much of the alleys" and a reputation for "giv-

America's incredible shrinking candidates contest. Even so, the sheer depth of cynicism has taken many media

were the lowest since the jousts began in 1960, Some analysts point to "the tyranny of the established view" as the cause of the apathy. They fear that fewer and fewer journalists and commentators are prepared to strike out against the "official" version of events, making the coverage increasingly dull to watch. Instead they will take their cue from the spokesmen for the candidates, whose job it is to point out what their man was really getting at, and from their col-

watchers by surprise. Television

ratings for the two presidential and one vice-presidential debates

leagues and rivals At the same time American spindoctors have raised controlling the message to an art form that is spawning its own vocabulary. The corridors where the party spokesmen gather to brief journalists have become known as "spin

one of the highest be afforded a party

By the time the papers hit the news-stands in the morning the established view cooked up by the Washington elite has become ossified. repeated like a mantra by the armies of pundits employed by the main organisations, according to this theory. The convention

al wisdom becomes encrusted very fast and the polls reflect that," said Richard Zoglin, of Time magazine. "The polls reflect back what people have just been hearing on television and radio - that Clinton is way ahead and that the election is effectively over — and that view is



reinforced by the huge volume of

pundits driving it into them. There are more people commenting than ever before but there are not more things to say. There is the same little kernel of events. tronically, one of the side-effects

of the "switch-off factor" is that

- The New York Times in particular and the network are devoting more time to "serious" coverage rather froth from the campaign camps. Newspapers are

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the average length of soundbite run on the television news has increased, per-The personalities of Dole, left, and Clinton are to blame time in broadcast Another less palatable sideeffect of the electorate's disillusion-

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If you thought the Conservative Party's "demon eyes" campaign

Democrat congressman, Vic Fazio, who has opposed the use of the death penalty. In another, the side that of a Democrat congressional challenger, Walter Capps. The captions? For Davis, "murderyour breath away. Unlike Britain, er": for Capps, the almost equally where the Advertising Standards damning tag of "liberal". Authority now casts a baleful eye over party as well as soap powder

By the end of the campaign in two weeks' time, the average American viewer will have been bombarded by hundreds of hours of news, analysis, punditry, talk shows and advertisements about the most expensive elections in the history of democracy. The evidence is that the public has remained impresbetween the two front-runners has barely wavered. In the long run, if the current explosion in the use of the Internet in America continues. the filter of television and newspapers may become a decreasingly relevant factor. In theory, voters will be able to access all the speeches, policy statements and voting records of the candidates and then make up their own minds, regardless of the view of the Washingtom elite. But only if

Are children getting the TV they deserve?

lence on the small screen, given a new Lawrence's thoughtful discussion in The Times, can all too easily collapse into an outcry which forgets how carefully regulated our domestic television actually is. Outrage can easily close off a consideration of children's actual needs and responses, and distract us from concern about the future of children's programming.

"Why do we spend so much time talking about what children should not see?" asks Carv Bazalgette from the British Film Institute. "Why not talk about what they could see?" Even better, let us involve some children in the debate.

primary school children spent much of Sunday considering whether the realistic tornado in the powerful Australian film No Worries was as effective as the special effects in gister, and whether they sympathised with the Kurdish family in the Dutch film. The

Boy Who Stopped Talking.

The six will be part of a public forum. Children on Screen, organised by Channel 4 and the BFI which aims to give priority to children's voices. They make up a "jury" who will put their views to film-makers, and assess films made for children.

To cast a critical eye over television, there will be a Children's Council of 11 to 15year-olds recruited from all over the United Kingdom. "I wanted to move the debate on to a different level," Lucinda Whiteley, commissioning editor for Channel 4 children's programmes, says. "I wanted to put the actual producers, writers and presenters on the stage and get them talking to

Unlike children's cinema, which is simply ignored by the like all television producers.

Television is giving children a greater say in their own viewing. **Patricia**

Holland reports



Blue Peter — as it was

British film industry, children's television is booming. ITV currently broadcasts 11 hours a week, an hour more than is required by its licensing conditions, while the BBC, with its two channels, has twice that. Channel 4 has increased its output, looking to fill the hitherto neglected 13-18 age gap.
But these are dangerous

times for British television. No one quite knows what the future holds in store, apart from two controlling facts: lots more channels are coming on stream - there are currently five, and soon to be six. satellite channels entirely devoted to children's programmes - and their content is largely determined by market considerations. The public service principle, whether cherished or derided, is on the wane. Children's producers.

have experienced streamlining

At the moment there is a consensus that children's programming must be protected thought it important enough to spend part of his first day as director of programmes at a meeting of the pressure group Voice of the Listener and Viewer, who were launching a Forum for Children's Broadcasting. "There's no threat to the children's budget," he said. "it's too important an area for us. Children's programmes will be at the heart of the

BBC's service. At the NFT, Alan Yentob, together with too relevision executives, will discuss the implications of the Internamai Children's Television Charter, a benchmark document which calls for a commitment to programmes for children which are made specifically for them and do not exploit them".

But the terrestrial broadcasters are challenged by proliferating satellite channels dedicated to specific audiences and programme types. Children are strongly targeted by easy watching on TCC (The Children's Channel), Nickel-odeon, The Cartoon Network, The Disney Channel and now Fox Kids, each of which recycles a diet of well-worn animation and repeats.

nd yet, the distinction between satellite and terrestrial television is imperceptibly being croded, as our familiar broadcasters move into the multichannel future, often in partnership with established satellite broadcas-

For the young members of Channel 4's Children's Council. the worst sin a programme can commit is to take a patronising attitude. Even a



Blue Peter now - but even this popular programme can get a thumbs-down when "it doesn't deal with issues that are important"

iavouttie like Blue Pelet ca get a thumbs-down when "it doesn't deal with issues that are important". Programmes that are factual and practical. such as How 2 and Art Attack, get enthusiastic praise.

The key to many new formats is the involvement of children in their own programmes. In Wise Up, produced by Carlton for Channel 4, they are part of the production process, behind as well as in front of the cameras. Child presenters take part from the beginning and deal with issues as contentious as Northern ireland and divorce.

Andrea Wonfor, joint managing director of Granada International Productions, told the Voice of the Listener and Viewer conference: "A channel that does not do children's programmes loses something."
It would be unfortunate if

some of the most inventive programmes on contemporary television survived only because children are the last uncolonised market. Children on Screen is at the

National Film Theatre tomorrow,

JUMPAKED to Orson Welles telling American radio listeners that Martians had landed, yesterday's Cadbury advertising wraparound that camouflaged the entire Evening Standard in London was never going to send us running out into the street in

our pyjamas.
"Nation To Be Plunged Into Darkness", yelled the giant headline on the false front page. This ran under an "exclusive" strap ("exclusive" being used in the modern sense, as in: "This cheeseburger is exclusive to me and that one is exclusive to you".) The "darkness" into which

the nation was to be plunged turned out to be nothing scarier than a new box of Milk Tray chocolates from Cadbury, the confectioner which has already converted Coronation Street from gritty soap to smooth

A Cadbury spokesman was quoted as saying. The situa-tion is now completely out of our hands. It was inevitable that, sooner or later, the public would experience the

Heart of darkness

loved chocolate selection." You know it must be the best loved because the subs would have double-checked. Would Richard Stott have

ione it when he was Editor of Today or the Daily Mirror? "I don't think it matters in terms of the morality of newspapers, but it might confuse readers. Messing around with the front page always disconcerts readers. It doesn't please whoever wrote the real front

page splash, either.
"Do this sort of thing very often and readers desert. A whole paper turning blue, as the Mirror did with its Pepsi promotion, is a bit more vorrying because it affects the editorial content."

Sir Nicholas Lloyd, the former Editor of the Daily Express, says: "I'm against it journalistically because it confuses readers and prostitutes page one. But if managements are offered huge amounts of money, they sneak it on. This kind of thing has

often been done with newspapers promoting themselves or with special sports editions, often distributed locally in a winning team's home city after a cup victory. But those are done with an editorial purpose - this is with an advertising purpose, which is very different. What sells a newspaper is the news on its front page. And this isn't news. It's a stunt."

tion Street and the Evening Standard, Cadbury is probably now looking for its next advertising target. London bus tickets in the shape of chocolate bars? Still, now that fashion gu-

rus have declared that "dark brown is the new black", Cadbury should have little problem persuading Prada to run up a frock in which the bust is underpinned by a sculpted slab of Bournville.

JOE JOSEPH

Blair's subtle seduction of the Tory press

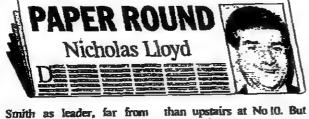
ome observers at the Young. John Wakeham and Commonwealth Press Sir Gordon Reece would pop Union conference in Cape Town last week were rightly puzzled by Tony Blair's speech. The main thrust seemed aimed less at South Africa, Nelson Mandela and the protection of press freedom, and much more at his host Sir David English. this year's president of the CPU and chairman of the Daily Mail group, Indeed, the speech was definitely a winner with the Daily Mail - it was both previewed and reported prominently.

Blair's willingness to accept Sir David's invitation can be seen as part of his campaign to win over the proprietors and editors of the once Torysupporting newspapers. Be-fore Blair, the courting and flattering of journalist grands fromages was a Tory pastime. As a national newspaper editor during the past three teneral elections - in 1983 with the pro-Labour Sunday People and in 1987 and 1992 with the Conservative Daily Express — I received regular calls from senior Tories suggesting a drink in my office at, say, 6.30pm. The likes of Parkinson, David

in under the guise of seeking my opinion on how things were going. But in fact theirs Conservative strategy - less the champagne charmer. During the same period the

Labour Party was little in evidence, even at the Sunday People, and when Neil Kinnock was leader he became so incensed by "the Tory press" that he rarely spoke to us. Through friends. including my wife Eve Pol-lard, then Editor of the Sunday Mirror, I advised him it would be better to keep in touch and take the case to "the enemy". Editors and journal-ists who have speat a convivial hour with a politician find it difficult to be horribly abusive in print afterwards.

Kinnock was unconvinced. Yet in those dark days for Labour, one young Shadow Minister who was always courteous and willing to meet was Tony Blair. We enjoyed several late-night restaurantclearing exchanges at the end of a good dinner and remained on friendly terms. When he succeeded John



attacking so-called Tory editors he wisely planned to seduce them. He and his spinking Alastair Campbell knew that they must convince the natural-born Tory voters that there was nothing to fear.

Andrew Marr, the Editor of the Labour-leaning Indepen-dent, says: "It would surprise me if Blair was not in touch with every editor personally. He seems to meet face-to-face everyone who matters." On the other hand, Marr has not been asked to meet John Major yet. "From No 10 there has been a dealening silence,"

he laughed.
The PM has found it difficult to forgive and forget some of the more wounding snobbish attacks from commentators who sniff that he is more Old Brixtonian than Old Etonian and suggest he should be below stairs rather

he, too, is now very aware that some of his critics need the personal touch to return

This time it seems as if Labour is putting in a more professional and organised effort. Blair has even gone as far as regularly meeting and cultivating right-wing columnists such as Andrew Neil. Simon Heffer and Paul Johnson, who are known to be hostile to Major. "Major won't see me at all," says Neil. "But it's not my loss."

Not surprisingly, Blair has struck up a good relationship with Piers Morgan, Editor of the Daily Mirror, who, come the election, will be embarrassing Tory newspapers by reminding them loudly in print of the dreadful things they have said in past years about the Prime Minister. The real orize for Blair

would be to get the endorse-ment of Britain's biggest sell-ing newspaper, The Sun. Since 1979 The Sun has been he?" Charles Moore, the Euro-sceptic Editor of The Daily Telegraph, is also on friendlier terms with the Government than he was, Campsolidly Conservative, but Labour has sought to exploit its bell, Blair's lieutenant, calls more recent political waver-ings. Both Blair and Major him frequently but the relationship has become more lunched during the summer with Stuart Higgins, The distant since the Telegraph began to be critical of the Sun's Editor, and his senior Labour leader. In particular, executives. The inside view is Moore did not like Blair's messianic Blackpool speech. that the lunch was a victory for the Prime Minister, whom The iron entered my soul the journos found more asthere," he says. sured and convincing. However, since that lunch ! understand Higgins has been

day is definitely on side. In

the final countdown, how-

ever, it seems doubtful that

the Mail newspapers will

desert the Tories. As one

Blair's public relations mask is being peeled off and his problem with Tory editors may be with neglected by the Tory high command and The Sun's support is now in the balance. The other jackpot for Blair Europe and the social chapter. To a man, the Tory editors are a Euro-sceptic would be an endorsement bunch, hence the nods-and-winks stories on Monday from either the Conservative Daily Mail or the Express. Paul Dacre, the Mail's Edifrom unidentified Labour sources suggesting that Blair tor, is allegedly getting on particularly the hang 'em mon currency before 2002. high variety. Jonathan Hol-And as one political pundit borow at The Mail on Sun-

told me "If the Labour lead in the opinion polls halves again newspaper friends. No one likes to be on the losing side." columnist said: "Even Blair Nicholas Lloyd is the former can't be that right-wing, can Editor of the Daily Express

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Village life could be monitored by video cameras under new powers to be given to parish councils to prevent rural crime. Parishes will also be allowed to pay for special constables in their villages, to use rates money to improve home security for vulnerable people, and to provide local transport.

Struggling village post-offices and corner shops will also be given a £5 billion lifeline under government plans to boost rural life, with the rates for some shops halved

Scared women freed after week in jail

■ Two women jailed for contempt because they were too frightened to give evidence against a man accused of causing grievous bodily harm were freed by the Court of Appeal. One of them, Sarah Holt, 20, had refused to testify against her former boyfriend who was accused of beating her

Lib-Dem gun ban

Government hopes of avoiding defeat over new gun control curbs suffered a blow last night when Liberal Democrat MPs, who will have a free vote, came out in favour of an outright ban on

Teachers attacked

Teachers threatening to strike unless up to 60 of their pupils are expelled were attacked for failing the children by Labour local authority leaders Pages I, 3

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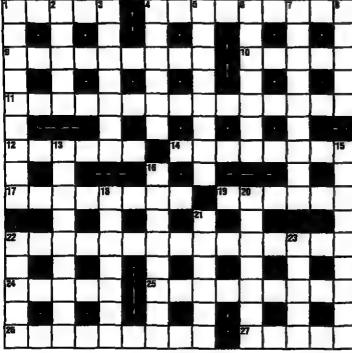
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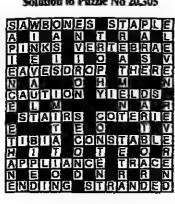
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- 14 Impressively appear to reduce bribery (3.1.4). 17 Opposed to spurious cut in church singing (8).
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- in Rome (5). 25 Congenial company joining jerk at one (9).
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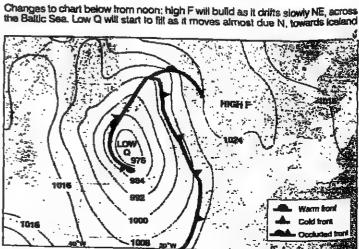
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Yasuo Hamanaka, centre, the former chief copper dealer at Sumitomo, is driven to the Tokyo Detention Centre after his arrest on forgery charges

C&W three-way merger creates cable colossus

THE MERGER announced yesterday of Cable and Wireless, the telecoms group, with Nynex of America and cell Canada International creates Britain's largest and most comprehensive cable

The new company will provide customers with domestic, mobile and international telephony, Internet services and multi-channel cable television. its ultimate aim is to offer a full range of interactive digital services and multimedia products like home shopping.

Richard Brown, chief executive of Cable and Wireless, said: "This is the first time UK customers have been offered such a comprehensive range of services by one provider over a single network. We have taken this bold initiative because we believe that there is substantial opportunity in the marketplace."

Mr Brown, who joined C&W five months ago, said the merged company, which was put together in the last three weeks, would give Mercury, Cable and Wireless's telephone company, access to 18 million business and do-

mestic customers. After the merger C&W will own 52.6 per cent of the new company - to be called Cable and Wireless Communications (CWC) - with Nynex owning 18.5 per cent and Bell Canada 14.2 per cent of the shares. The remaining 15 per cent will be floated and the groups intend to list the company in London and New York in about six months.

In a related deal, Videotron was bought by Bell Cablemedia in a transaction involving a \$338 million equity investment in Bell Cable-

media by Cable and Wireless. CWC will have a joint workforce of 13,000 but the possibility of job losses was executives of the three groups. A letter to Cable and Wireless staff said: "Building a new business from existing enterprises can be expected to involve rationalisation. It is too early to say how this might BY OUVER ADGUST

impact upon jobs and, clearly. ere can be no guarantees." CWC aims to increase reve-

nue by providing a wider range of services to existing customers and increased access to a broader customer base. It also hopes to produce significant cost savings by eliminating duplication, increasing capital expenditure

efficiencies and by capitalising on its enhanced purchasing power when dealing with content providers.

The primary example of a cost saving will be in the laying of cables. Previously all the cable companies would dig up the roads to lay their own cables. Now they will share



Derek Burney, left, of Bell Cablemedia, with Richard Brown of C&W, and Fred Salerno of Nynex yesterday

This landmark deal follows the collapse of merger talks earlier this year between Cable and Wireless and its rival British Telecom. Cable and

Wireless last month replaced BT in a German alliance with RME, the diversified utility, which is seen as the main competitor to the dominant Deutsche Telekom in a

liberalised German market. C&W shares soured on the news and closed at 467p, up 26p. Tressan McCarthy, at Panmure Gordon, said: "It's a very good deal, which strengthens Mercury's pos-ition in the UK, and shows that Dick Brown is mindful of

unlocking shareholder value." A spokesman for the Cable Communications Association. the industry body, said: "This is clear evidence of confidence in the future of the UK cable industry. The broadband fibre optic network being laid across the UK is the most

advanced in the world for delivery to individual homes." Tempus, page 28 Options plan for

By Jason Nissé

Sheffield players

SHEFFIELD UNITED foot- sell his 10 per cent stake for ballers are to be offered share options worth millions of pounds if the club is promoted to the Premiership as part of a £9 million reverse takeover of Conrad, the leisurewear group. Management and directors will also share in the

options if the club succeeds. The details are being hammered out over the next few days as Michael McDonald. chairman of Sheffield United, completes the negotiations with Conrad whose shares were suspended yesterday.

In the deal, Conrad will pay £9 million in shares for United and then raise another £10 million through a share issue. This money will be used to develop United's ground at Bramall Lane into a 40,000seat stadium and build a hotel and leisure facilities on a

neighbouring 17-acre site.

The deal has been able to go ahead after the agreement of Stephen Hinchliffe, the former deputy chairman of Sheffield United now being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office, to nearly £1 million in cash. The offer of options to players will be a first for quoted football clubs. However in the £28.8 million flotation announced yesterday of Loftus Road, which owns QPR, the football team, and Wasps rugby club, 50,000 share options are being given to Lawrence Dallaglio, cap

tain of Wasps. Chris Wright, the media entrepreneur who chairs Loftus Road, said it would be impossible to give share op-tions to all of the players. "Anyway many of them— especially the footballers are well enough paid."

The prospectus says that Loftus Road would not make a profit this year or next if QPR. which like Sheffield is in the first division, is not promoted. Mr Wright said this could change if the club is not able to persuade the £5 million wing-

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er Trevor Sinclair to stay with

the club.

Ex-Sumitomo copper trader arrested on forgery charges

By Robert Whymant in Tokyo and Robert Miller

YASUO HAMANAKA, the Sumitomo Corporation trader accused of gambling away nearly \$3 billion on the global copper markets, was last night being held in custody. He was arrested by the Tokyo prosecutor's office on charges of forging documents for his allegedly speculative trades.

The Japanese authorities raided Mr Hamanaka's home in Kawasaki on the outskirts of Tokyo and removed boxes of papers that they believe may have a bearing on the worldwide copper investiga-tion. This involves civil and criminal authorities in the UK, including the Serious Fraud Office, and the US.

After the arrest of its former star trader, Sumitomo, which lodged the forgery complaint, said that it planned to file a further legal complaint against Mr Hamanaka for of trust. With Mr Hamanaka's confinement in the Tokyo Detection Centre, the inquiry in Japan, into what are alleged to have been unauthorised copper trades

for ten years, has entered a The alleged victim of Mr Hamanaka's copper trading was Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith (Brokers and Dealers), a subsidiary of Merrill Lynch, the largest securities house in the US. Merrill Lynch's copper trading arm is authorised to conduct business in the UK by the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the watchdog

for brokers and futures. Japanese investigators believe that two letters written in January and September 1994 to Merrill Lynch authorising Mr Hamanaka to trade on Sumitomo's behalf were forgeries. Merrill Lynch

said yesterday: "We had no knowledge of any forgeries. We conducted all of our business with Sumitomo in good faith and in an entirely appropriate manner."

Mr Hamanaka was dismissed in June, when Sumitomo first announced that it had discovered trading losses of \$1.8 billion, a figure that the company later revised upwards, to \$2.6 billion. Sumitomo said the transactions were carried out without its approval or knowledge. The question of how much Sumitomo executives knew of the alleged activities is crucial to UK and US inquiries.

in Tokyo, Naoki Kuroda. managing director of Sumitomo, said that an inhouse investigation had shown that Mr Hamanaka, its top trader, was not acting for personal gain.

Mr Kuroda brushed aside suggestions that foreign brokers had possibly been in-volved in the alleged illicit transactions and said that the company planned no legal action against foreign brokers.

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Japanese debt record

A JAPANESE finance com-pany filed for liquidation yesterday with debt liabilities of more than £5.1 billion, increasing worries about the health of other firms in the financial industry.

The liability figure, which includes debt which Nichiei Finance has guaranteed, makes this the largest such insolvency case in Japan in

the postwar period. Like Japan's failed housing loan firms, or jusen. Nichiei Finance has been hit by plummeting property prices

since the bursting of Japan's 1980s "bubble economy" of inflated land and asset prices. The company, which

hased in Yokohama, said it had applied to a Yokohama court for creditor protection under Japan's bankruptcy laws and would try to save what it could of the business. At the end of last month

borrowings totalled 170.89 billion yen (around El billion) and the debts that it had guaranteed totalled Y820.65 billion, making a total of around YI trillion.

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Abbey upbeat on homes market

By ROBERT MILLER

ABBEY National has issued one of the most upbeat appraisals to date on prospects for the UK housing market, predicting that transactions and lending fig-ures will reach a new fiveyear high in 1997. Lord Tugendhat, chair-

man of Abbey National, also said that house prices could rise by up to 7 per cent by the end of this year and a further 6 per cent in 1997.

He added that the value of net new lending, a key element in any sustainable housing market recovery, should be back at 1992 levels next year, rising from the present £17 billion to £20 billion — still only half of the £40 billion in 1988.

The former building sociturned bank said that its strare of the increase in the mortgage market so far this year was not as high as it might have been because it had largely stood aloof from the cut-price home loans

Lord Tugendhat said: "Ab-

bey National can report that UK retail banking's share of new mortgage business has increased during the quarter together with improved sav-ings flows and mortgage

margins just below that of the first half. This has been achieved against the background of an improving outlook for the housing market with all indicators positive, including increasing consumer interest, a greater number of transactions, and steadily rising house prices."
In its third-quarter trading

starement Abbey National, which completed its merger with National & Provincial Building Society in August, said openings of bank accounts were running at about 10,000 a month and that it had issued more than 100,000 branded credit cards since launching its own scheme in

However, the stock market appeared not to share Abbey National's bullish forecast and the shares closed at 600p - a fall of 42p or the day.

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Sterling's climb resumes

BY JANET BUSH

THE pound resumed its upward march yesterday, buoyed by assurances from industry that it is not yet feeling any pain from stering's strength.

The Confederation of British Industry said its latest industrial trends survey showed that exporters were not yet worried, but conceded that they might become concerned if sterling

were to continue rising.

The pound was trading at about DM2.38 when the survey was conducted. Yesterday it closed at DM2.4519. Its trade weighted index finished at 89.3, against 89.0 on Monday.

Sterling also profited from overseas demand for government bonds. Yesterday's £2 billion auction of five-year bonds attracted more than three times the number of bids needed to sell the stock. Gilts closed up

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CBI presses for standstill on rates as output rises

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

enjoying healthy rises in output but price pressures remain weak, according to the Confederation of British Industry. The CBI, which yesterday

published its latest quarterly industrial trends survey, also urged the Chancellor of the Exchequer to leave interest rates unchanged.

Andrew Buxton, chairman of the CBI's economic affairs. committee, said: "Prices are significantly and that is why we are content to see interest rates where they are." The CBI does not see a case for lower interest rates

Yesterday's survey showed a definite improvement in the fortunes of manufacturing industry but with no hint of boom conditions. Business confidence among manufacturing firms was up for the second quarter running. Total four months at the highest rate since April last year, and output rose at its strongest rate

since July last year. The CBI said that domestic

TOURIST RATES

UK MANUFACTURERS are and export orders should grow more strongly over the next four months but still gave warning that demand expectations had tended to be disappointed over the past 18

Mr Buxton said that manufacturing industry was show-ing a "modest" output recovery and added that the CBI was "reasonably" confident that the upturn will gather momentum.

Evidence on industrial costs and prices was encouraging. Over the past four months unit costs fell at their fastest rate since January 1994 and rices for domestic customers fell at their sharpest rate since January 1993.

Over the next four months. firms expect unit costs to fall slightly further, and export prices to remain virtually unchanged, Domestic prices are expected to pick up as firms introduce their new list prices but the CBI noted that there has often been a big gap between what firms expect to be able to charge and the prices that they can actually make stick with their

The other encouraging sign is that firms have not become any more worried about capacity constraints holding them back. Concern about shortages of skilled labour has

actually fallen back slightly. The survey also showed that plant and machinery investment intentions are now at their most positive since April 1989. It also suggests that there will be a strong increase in planned spending on training and innovation over the next

The black spot of the survey

was employment. Employment in manufacturing fell slightly over the past four months. This was not as bad as expectations of a "significant" fall but the CBI said that companies are expecting to experience a sharper fall in the workforce over the next four months.



EOC code aims to correct male-female pay disparity

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

WOMEN continue to lag behind men in the pay stakes, earning an average 20 per cent an hour less, the Equal Opportunities Commission said as it launched a new draft code of practice on equal pay.

The EOC findings are supported by analysis from the Trades Union Congress, which shows that women manual workers earn £7.28 for every £10 earned by male colleagues. In East Anglia, Yorkshire and Humberside the figure is just over £7.

The commission's draft code

of practice on equal pay will be laid before Parliament by Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment. She said: "We welcome every effort to highlight problems of unequal pay. The code will provide valuable guidance and encourage employers, whether small or large, to adopt good working

Kamlesh Bahl, chairwoman of the EOC, said: "There can never be real equality of opportunity between the sexes when such pervasive pay dis-

tinctions exist. The pay gap is the biggest barrier to equality between women and men and is widespread and deep-seated. Throughout their working lives, women earn less than men, whether they are board directors or sales assistants."

The EOC research shows that women face a "cycle of inequality". It said that in her early twenties a woman earns 91 per cent of a man's hourly pay; in her thirties it reduces to 87 per cent. In her forties this 87 per cent; in her forties this falls to 75 per cent and in her

BA pledges to invest in Liberté

From Leyla Linton in brussels

Air Liberte's assets. Rival bid-

ders include AOM, a former

nais, the troubled state-owned

subsidiary of Crédit Lyon-

BOB AYLING, the British Airways chief executive, yesterday said the company would invest Fr440 million in Air Liberté over three years to return it to profitability.

In a speech to the European Aviation Club in Brussels, Mr Ayling said: "We wish to preserve the great majority of bank. Mr Ayling had told the possible.

jobs and establish it as a European Commission that competitive provider of air allowing the AOM bid to go services in France." ahead would be "an illegal use Last week British Airways of state aid". bid Fr25 million for the bulk of

Mr Ayling also urged Neil Kinnock, EU Transport Commissioner, to keep planned reforms to airport slot allocation rules as simple as

Final plans

for new

unit trusts By ROBERT MILLER

THE City's top watchdog will incorporate any lessons learnt from the Morgan Grenfell affair into the new-style unit trusts that may start to be sold to investors next spring.

The Securities and Investments Board (SIB) yesterday unveiled proposals to establish open-ended investment companies (Oeics), and said: Regulators are already reviewing issues which have come to the fore in the light of problems at Morgan Grenfell. Should any changes to the product regulations for unit trusts be necessary, eq-uivalent amendments will be carried over as swiftly as pos-

sible to the Ocics regulations." Many of the 1,600 unit trusts are expected to conven to Oeic status. The SIB said that investors would benefit because the new trusts will have a corporate structure, unlike unit trusts, which fall under trust law, and that each Oeic must have an authorised corporate director to ensure

compliance with the rules. Ocics will be priced on a single mid-market system rather than the present bid-tooffer spread.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Court backs SNCF and BR on tunnel

THE European Court of Justice yesterday overturned a European Commission decision to open rail traffic through the Channel tunnel to competition. The ruling represents a victory for SNCF, the French state rail operator, and British Rail, which own the rights to use 50 per cent of the tunnel's capacity until the year 2052. The European Court of Justice said that the European Commission. in making its December 1994 decision, had misinterpreted the terms of a 1987 accord under which the tunnel's capacity is split 50-50 between Eurotunnel, the operator of the cross-Channel rail link, and

the two rail operators. The Commission had maintained that the accord effectively granted SNCF and British Rail a monopoly on international rail services. Eurotunnel, still completing a £4 billion financial restructuring with its 200-plus banks, said yesterday that the latest decision was "reasonable". The company has always maintained that the original agreement with the railway companies did not violate European competition rules. It said: "Eurotunnel can choose not to use all of its allocated capacity for its shuttle services, and sell some of it to outsiders, including to competitors of SNCF and BR."

Paterson Zochonis up

SUCCESS in Poland helped Paterson Zochonis, the soap and detergents maker, to lift pre-tax profits to £29.2 million from £25.1 million for the year to May 31. The company, 65 per cent owned by the Zochonis family, said that after sharp half-year growth Polish sales are now on a par with Britain, where its Cussons imperial Leather soap leads the market. Poland may become its largest market over the next 12 months. Earnings were 38.1p a share (32.4p). A final dividend of 13.35p, due December 2, leaves a total of 16p (15p).

Irish jobs increase

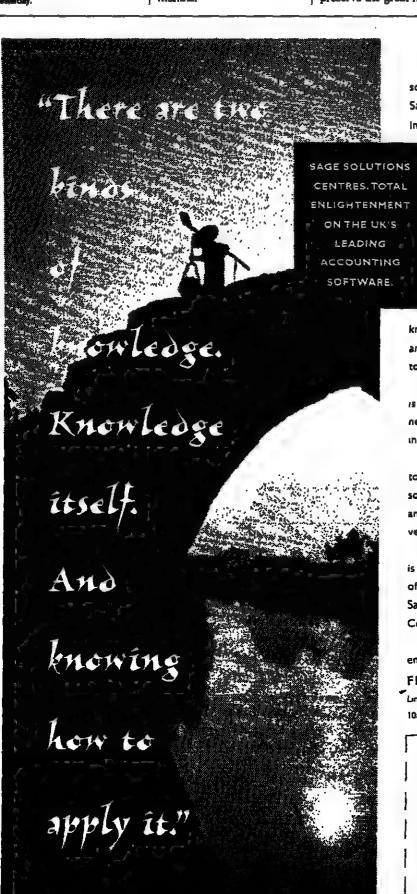
EMPLOYMENT in the Republic of Ireland increased by 45,000 in the year to mid-April according to preliminary results from the Labour Force Survey. The biggest increase was in the services sector with 47,000 new jobs. Industry, chiefly building and construction, accounted for a further 4,000 jobs. Those were offset by 6,000 job losses in the contracting agricultural sector. Almost 1.3 million people are now in work out of a total 3.62 million. The unemployed fell by only 1,000 from mid-April 1995 to 190,000.

Unilever pegs offer

UNILEVER, the consumer products group, will not increase its offer to buy out the minority shareholding in Lyons Irish Holdings, the dominant tea group in the Republic of Ireland. Earlier this year the Anglo-Dutch group paid Allied Domeca Ir E73 million for its 75 per cent stake in Lyons and offered Ir323.3p for the remaining shares. The Lyons board rejected the offer. Unilever said yesterday that it had secured acceptances in respect of less than I per cent of the

Water inquiry sought

FRANK DOBSON, Labour's Environment Secretary, has asked the water regulator to launch a fresh investigation into cross-subsidies involving Thames Water. Thames has already been highlighted, along with a number of other water companies, by an Ofwat report as using money from core businesses to fund other activities such as overseas operations. But Mr Dobson says Thames will not divulge the extent of this practice, nor will it tell him the individual ·financial details of each venture.



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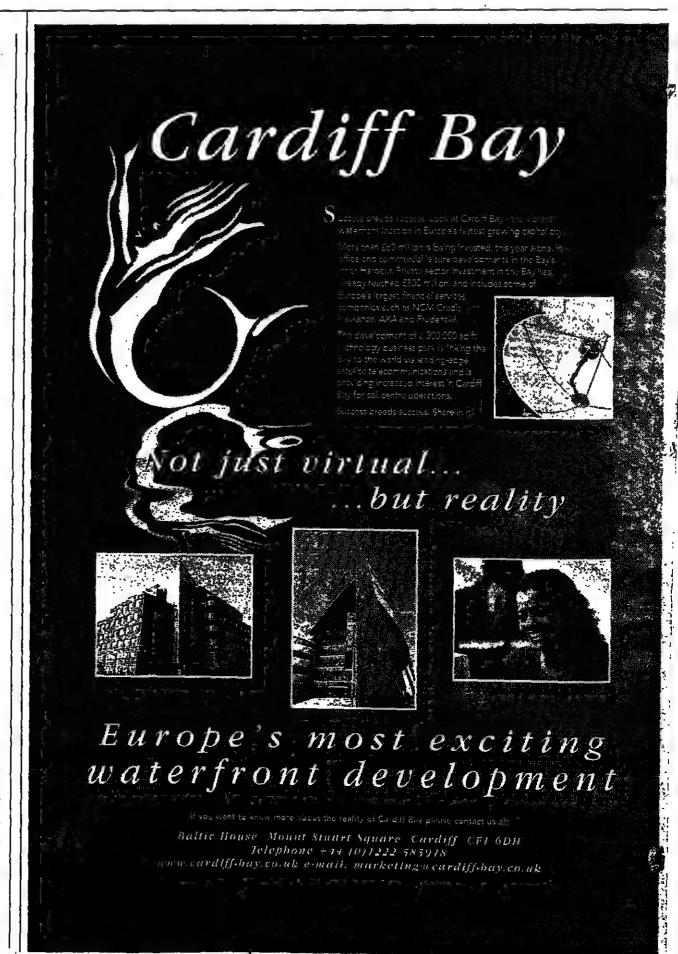
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☐ PERHAPS they could bring out a new magazine, to sell alongside Practical Beekeeper and Practical Yoghurt-Making. There would be no shortage of subscribers to Practical Corporate Governance on the board

at Emap, the publisher. The row among Emap direc-tors should provide a bit of copy for the magazine. In July shareholders voted through proposals that weakened the power of directors. They could henceforth be removed by three quarters of their peers. There are seven executives and seven (seven? Why on earth do they need seven?) non-executives. his would mean if II voted in a block for his sacking, the offending director would go. It would then be open to that II to gang up again and sack the other two

who supported him. Some years ago there used to be various revolutionary communist parties that operated on just this principle. They tended to end up with very small, but ideologically very pure, memberships. It is not easy to see how such Stalinist techniques should be applied to the average boardroom. Many companies have been run as personal empires, but they have generally not been that successful. A diversity of views is best. This is the whole reason for having non-executives around the place, and Cadbury

Miller's tale of boardroom angst

advises at least three. Institutions voted the changes through after reassurances from Sir John Hoskyns, the chairman and one of the most experienced boardroom operators in the land. But several directors, possibly lear-ing for their jobs, were less keen on them than it had seemed. Lining up against Sir John, and Robin Miller, the chief executive who must have hopes of replacing Sir John on his retirement next year, are two non-executives. There are said to be two

The board meets today to consider how to resolve the row. There have been calls for Sir John's head, for trying to get rid the rebels after promising shareholders there would be no boardroom changes. One of those with doubts over the changes is thought to be David Arculus, the managing director. This is where the matter exits

the worthy area of corporate governance and begins to interest those who worry where the Emap share price is going. The company has been a star performer, and over the past year alone the shares have risen 45

per cent. But Emap is largely the creation of two able men, Mr Miller and Mr Arculus, If the two have fallen out, market sentiment alone will mark the

Yet it is a difficult poser. because one or the other must prevail. Yet being forced by best corporate governance practice to get rid of one of your main assets is like blowing your left foot off with a shotgun to cure an ingrowing toenail. Hopefully the two can make it up. Perhaps they should gang up and fire Sir John as a scapegoat. Then Mr Miller could have his job. Unfair; but then, life often is.

Probably the best outcome of all

☐ REPORTS of the demise of the deal to create Britain's biggest brewer look premature. The Office of Fair Trading is a couple of weeks off a decision on whether Bass should be allowed to buy Carlsherg-Tetley, and so control two fifths of brewing output. It would not be a complete disaster for all concerned if

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the OFT ruled against a merger. First the matter of whether the deal, between Bass on one side and Carlsberg of Denmark and Allied Domecq on the other as the owners of the brewing joint venture, should be thrown to a full Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry. This will be decided by lan Lang, the President of the Board of Trade.

He has something of a record of overruling the OFT.

Suppose the MMC takes its full nine months to decide. There is a provision for this in the contract to buy, which in itself deserves some sort of award for complexity. The deal can be completed at any time until the end of next year, when a supply agreement ends between the

brewer and Allied's pubs. Suppose the MMC takes against the purchase. Whatever happens, Allied gets an almost complete enit from brewing. Financially, Allied would have to repay £15 million of the £205 million that it received for its half-share of the brewer. In return the company would be forced to keep a 15 per cent stake in the venture. Irritatng, but not a tragedy.

Bass would have to drop back to a market share behind that now enjoyed by Scottish & castle, the market leader, and would, under the mathematics, come out £65 million worse off. Galling, especially for Sir lan Prosser, Bass's chairman and chief executive, who is accustomed to getting what he wants, but again not a tragedy. The real loser would be

Carlsberg, stuck in a country it always wanted out of, a small player in a market dominated by three majors. The ending of those supply agreements would mean the loss of much of its customer base. There must be a risk the Danes might cut their losses and get out entirely. This would mean brewery closures, just what those three big players want to see. One wonders if such an outcome has occurred to the OFT - or to Mr Lang.

Mr Levison's double header

☐ FOOTBALL is a game of two halves. Or in the case of Loftus Road, which is floating on AIM. two clubs: QPR in association football and Wasps in rugby union. And for Charles Levison. media lawyer, long-time adviser to Richard Branson and wellknown dealmaker, it is a game of two roles.

After last month's boardroom bust up at Chrysalis, which saw two non-executive directors resign in protest at the control chairman Chris Wright had over the media group, Mr Levison was left as one of only two such independents and the only one who did not have a direct business link with Chrysalis. The prospectus of Loftus Road chairman and largest shareholder Chris Wright - shows that Mr Levison's private com-pany, Clarion Media Europe,

has been paid £50,000 for helping Loftus Road buy QPR and Wasps and will be paid £50,000 more once the float is completed. He is also to receive 75,000 share options and, though this is not set out in the prospectus, where he is described as non-executive. he is acting managing director of Loftus Road while the company finds a permanent replacement.

Mr Levison says that he is able to manage properly any poten-tial conflicts of interest, should they arise, from his role at Chrysalis and his role at Loftus Road. We must take his word for it that this will not turn out to be a problem in the future. We must also hope that QPR will be promoted to the Premiership, which the prospectus admits is the only way the club can be assured of profits in future. And Wasps will hopefully win the Courage First Division in rugby

Back to the future

BILL Gates admits that he got it wrong. His The Road Ahead, the document that was adopted by millions as the guide to the dawning Age of Artificial Intelligence, has been overtaken by events and will have to be substantially upgraded. How typical. You pay out for one vision of the future, and a year

'Buy one, get one free' bad for trade

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

THE "buy one, get one free" special offers that abound in supermarkets are bad for consumers, manufacturers and retailers, according to new research from the London Business School.

Commissioned Procter & Gamble, the American detergent manufacturer, it shows that in the trade as "bog offs" actually increase prices in the long term. In the short term they tend to benefit a small group of dedicated bargain hunters, the researchers say.

Loyal customers prefer to see everyday prices cut and have "an increasingly iaundiced view of promotions", according to Paul Polman, general manager of Procter & Gamble in the UK and Ireland.

Special offers are "bad for retailers because they promote disloyalty, encouraging customers to look around for the best deals rather than staying faithful to their usual store," he said.

J Sainsbury, the supermarket group, said it disagreed with the conclusions of the researchers. The offers give better value to customers and most manufacturers are very keen to promote in this way," a spokeswoman

Mr Polson said manufacturers suffer because. as well as discouraging brand loyalty, these promotions cause inefficiencies in production. inventory and instore availability, creating extra costs that must be

recovered. Procter & Gamble and Lever Brothers dominate the £729 million UK soap powder market, of which nearly 10 per cent was promotions.



SmithKline results underline strength of drugs portfolio

SMITHKLINE Beecham de nausea treatment for patients livered fresh evidence of the strength of its drugs portfolio yesterday when it reported rapid growth in the sales of everal new products.

The star performer was Seroxat/Paxil, a treatment for depression and panic attacks, whose third-quarter sales jumped by 54 per cent, to £189 million. Sales of Relafen/Relifex, an inflammation drug, and Kytril, an antion chemotherapy, both rose by one third, to £85 million and £46 million respectively. in total, sales of new prod-

ucts - those within three or four years of their first launch - rose by 44 per cent. Smith-Kline Beecham said that new product sales now represent 36 per cent of total pharmaceutical sales, which amounted to £1.16 billion in the three months to September 30.

Profits from pharmaceuticals in the third quarter were up 20 per cent. at £263 million. This enabled the company to lift its total pre-tax profits by 20 per cent, to £374 million. Jan Leschly, chief executive, said SmithKline Beecham was extremely pleased with this

performance. The company has secured two more regulatory approv-als, in Spain and Canada, for heart drug. The US Food & Drug Administration turned down Coreg this year, but Hugh Collum, chief financial officer, said: "We have supplied considerably more addi-tional information Jabout Coreg). We would like to think [approval] might be some time

during this next quarter." Mr Collum said that the company is "not particularly worried" about the Office of Fair Trading's move to end

price controls on over-the counter drugs. SmithKline Beecham could be hit through sales of its cold remedies, such as Beechams powders, Contac and Night Nurse. He said: "We are a very aggressively competitive marketing company. All our products are pretty well established." The consumer healthcare

businesses -- which include Nicoderm and Nicorette. Madeans and Aquafresh tnothpaste and Horlicks and Lucozade drinks - improved profits by 7 per cent, to £111 million. Sales were up 13 per cent, at £607 million. Margins were held back by promotional spending. Sales of Macleans increased

40 per cent, while Horlicks registered a 27 per cent sales growth. The company is investing £20 million in expanding the Horlicks business.

The company will pay a third-quarter dividend of 4p (3.2p) a share on December 31. Earnings were 17 per cent higher, at 9.1p a share.

Chairman Warning hits Low of Emap & Bonar

By MARTIN BARROW

MORE than £72 million was wiped from the stock market value of Low & Bonar after the paper and packaging company warned investors that currentyear profits would be affected by difficult trading conditions.

The company's shares fell 73½p to 483½p, with more than one million shares traded. Low & Bonar said that, across most of its activities, trading had been broadly in line with expectations, but that the silage wrap and North American packaging operations "have not been as strong as we anticipated earlier in the year".

The warning on profits was issued as the company announced the £9 million purchase of UCO Technical Fabrics, a Belgian polypromillion. Low & Bonar said it will make a £2 million proviassociated with the acquisition, which will further affect profitability.

In the last financial year

Low & Bonar earned pre-tax profits of £52.4 million.

urged to go By Ouver August

SIR John Hoskyns, the Emap chairman, has been called on to resign for misleading shareholders over changes in the company's articles of association that make it easier for the board to sack directors.

Pirc, the City researcher on executive pay, said Sir John could no longer stay in office after breaking assurances given at the annual meeting, at which the rule changes were approved. After the meeting. Sir John privately sought the resignation of Ken Simmonds, a non-executive director opposed to the changes.

Anne Simpson, a Pirc director, said: "Sir John won the support of the institutions partly on the basis that the rules wouldn't be used to remove current board members. But then he did the exact opposite."

Emap said: There's no question of the chairman being concerned, there is not a boardroom split. The only disagreement lies with two nonexecutive directors who disagreed with changes of articles ... approved at the AGM."

Reckitt unveils buyback proposal

By Sarah Cunningham

manufacturers of Harpic, Lemsip and Dettol, yesterday measures that will allow it to buy back 5 per cent of its shares at a cost of £152 million. The company proposes to

RECKITT & COLMAN, the giving up one in every 20 shares held. The FID is possible because

pay a foreign income dividend (FID) of 35.65p for each existing share and will consolidate each 20 existing shares into 19.

In effect, this means shareholders will receive 713p - the price at which shares closed on Monday - in return for

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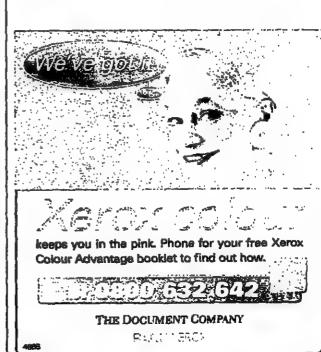
conflict with rules announced this month by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, scrapping tax benefits linked to standard share buybacks.

Shareholders will vote on the proposal at an extraordinary meeting on November 18. Vernon Sankey, chief execu-tive, said they would benefit from the scheme because carnings per share would rise.

The company, which bought L&F Products for £1 billion in 1994 and then sold its mustard business, said it was not lanning big acquisitions.

The FID is due to be paid on November 25. Payment of the 7.95p interim dividend has been moved from October 29 to November 18.

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Gilts take up the running as shares run out of steam

GOVERNMENT securities took up the running as equities showed signs of boiling over after their recent recordbreaking run.

Prices at the longer end shrugged off recent concerns about short-term interest rates to score gains of up to E34 as the market drew comfort from the latest CBI survey showing signs of a slowdown in manufacturing output. The success of the latest £2 billion auction of Treasury 7 per cent 2001, which was 3.57 times oversubscribed, also boosted confidence

By contrast, the equity market reflected the overnight setback for the Dow Jones average and further losses at the start of trading in New York last night. The FT-SE 100 index closed 15.9 points down at 4.057.2 in relatively thin trading. A total of 703 million shares changed hands.

Cable and Wireless jumped 26p to 467p after confirming plans for a multibillionpound, three-way communications merger with Nynex CableComms. Bell Cablemedia and Videtron. Cable and Wireless Communications, a new holding company. will offer a complete cable television service to more than six million homes in this country. C&W will have overall control of the new opera-tion. Shares of Nynes. CableComms, 67 per cent owned by Nynex, its parent company in the US, jumped 2312p to 119p on the news.

Others to benefit from the move included Telewest, 12p better at 135p. and General Cable, 19p better at 197p. But BT, C&W's biggest rival, Inst 4p at 354p. The news also left BSkyB, the satellite television broadcaster, 1812p down at 678p. BSkyB is 40 per cent owned by News International. owner of The Times, und directly affected by increased competition posed by the proposed merger of the four cable

television operations.

Shareholders of Reckitt & Colman, the household products group, were cheered by news that the group is paying out a special dividend worth 35.65p a share. The total package is likely to cost the group El52 million and avoids the new rules on share buybacks and special dividends being imposed by the

benefit from a positive trading



Iain Cater of Seton Healthcare, down 32p on RPM concerns

update, with the price ending 412p cheaper at 600p. The group said it had already achieved a substantial proportion of the expected cost savings from its merger with National & Provincial. The fall in the share price probably reflects a recommendation by ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, earlier this week to switch from Abbey into Nat-

reported to have cut its numbers, while rival Robert Flem-ing reduced its recommendation from a "buy" to a "sell". Third-quarter figures from

SmithKline Beecham received a cautious thumbs-up from the City after the group weighed in with a 20 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £374 million. It was achieved on a 15 per cent surge in group

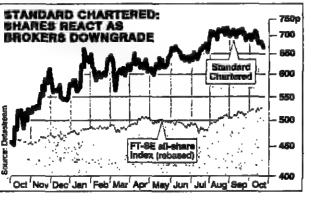
Speculative buying lifted Denby Group, the Derbyshire pottery company, 17p to 245 ap in a thin market. Once again, there is talk that a bidder may be stalking the shares. Back in June, it was suggested that the bidder may be from the US, where the group has built up a thriving operation.

ional Westminster, 212p lighter at 71812p. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, continues to rate NatWest a buy. in banks Standard Chartered took a hartmering, with the price dropping 2712p to 65412p as the City continued to reflect on last week's downgrading by Cazenove. the company's own broker.

Yesterday it was the turn of

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sales to £2 billion. Much of the growth came from its stable of new drugs, including Seroxat-Paxil, the anti-depressant, which saw sales jump 54 per cent to £189 million. Jan Leschly, chief executive, said SmithKline was now on target to meet all its year-end goals. The shares responded with a rise of 2p to 795p. Wolseley, the building products group, dropped 14p



esterday's drop in the Seton Healthcare price of 32p to 48812p had more to do with week's decision about resale price maintenance than than any disappointment over the size of the latest profits rise. It seems that around 40 per cent of sales at Seton, whose chief executive is Iain Cater, are related to the overthe-counter market,

A profits warning took its toll on Low & Bonar, down 73p at 484p. The Dundee packaging group says that trading conditions in areas such as silage wrap and North American packaging have failed to live up to expectations and would affect this year's results. UBS, the broker, is said to have downgraded its forecast for the current year by E3 million to £53.5 million. The group was dealt a blow last year when it lost James Leng. chief executive, to Laporte.

GILT-EDGED: The latest CBI industrial trends survey provided the base from which

the market was able to enjoy a useful rally and claw back some of the losses of the previous few sessions. Sentiment received an additional boost by the success of the auction. A further auction of Ei.5 billion Treasury 8 per cent 2015 takes place tomorrow. In the futures pit, the De-cember series of the long gilt

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Crossing the wires THE launch of Cable and Wireless Communications was long on hype and short on astonished the marker two days ago. In turn, substance but that is par for the course in the that puts a value of well over £5 billion for the cable television industry. In this case, how- new entity. However, the market worth of the quoted Nynex CableComms suggests 2 much lower £4.3 billion, notwithstanding a surge in

able by Cable and Wireless to itself as the only the share price. Such exercises merely serve to prove that markets are imperiect. However, revenue forecasts would scarcely have helped. The value of this deal is in the cost savings. There will be blood on the carpet at the cable companies as they remove duplication and combine marketing efforts. C&W's cashflow will be a useful asset for the unprofitable cable businesses, but the real challenge is to turn their franchises into customers. Nothing that was said yesterday suggested that the task would become easier.

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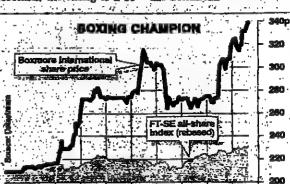
TO BE biggest in leaflets is not an ambition that sets the heart racing. For Boxmore, however, the printed messages that accompany every medicine sold to the public represent a business opportunity. The drugs are increasing in number and the disclosure requirements are lengthening. Add to that the packag-ing needs for medicines and you have a high-margin business. After two deals and heavy investment in new plant, the Northern Ireland company boasts a quarter share in the UK pharmaceuti-

cal packaging market.
In a bid to maximise their investment return, drug companies are sub-contracting all the ancillary parts of their business and, earlier this year, Boxmore secured the nurchase of Glaxo's packag-ing business, enabling the

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Boxmore shares to dizzy heights — on 1997 profit forecasts, the rating is a 50

with a £20 million spend anticipated next year. The Glaxo contract should add more than £1 million to the bottom line and Boxmore is looking at opportunities on the Continent



SmithKline Beecham

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM' has enjoyed a terrific few months. Since May, when-the City briefly took fright at a setback to the heart drug Coreg, the shares have risen 150p, outperforming the FT-SE 100 by more than 10 per

Yesterday's third-quarter results showed why. Sales of the company's new drugs are growing like Topsy. Sales of Seroxat/Paxil, a treatment for depression and panic attacks, already exceed £500 raillion this year - a 42 per cent improvement on the first nine months of 1995. The problem posed by Tagamet, the anti-ulcer blockbuster that lost its patent a couple of years ago, has been overcome

There is more to come. SmithKline Beecham has 19 clinical trials. If even half of them delivered on their

with case.

promise, the company would be well-placed to continue its recent progress.

All this leaves Diversified

Pharmaceutical Services looking like an investment in limbo. Bought for a helty £1.5. billion, the US drugs distribution: business makes no money for SmithKline Beecham, although the company expects to see the first benefits

from the acquisition riext year. Notwithstanding doubts about the latter purchase. Smith Kline Beecham should be a core holding for any investor. In a low-inflation economy, the prospect of annual carnings growth of more than 15 per cent is too

Wolseley

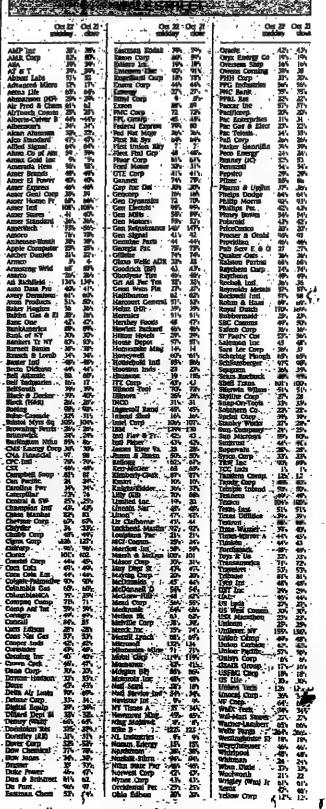
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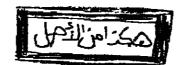
pair and maintenance work is picking up, but 60 per cent of the business supplies the new build housing market and Wolseley reckons housebullders in Britain are shifting old stock rather than breaking new ground.

With continental markets still in the doldrums, Wolseley is lucky to have the US to fall back on. North America. provided the only growth and unless the UK picks up in the first half. Wolseley will be leaning heavily on its American subsidiaries again in the corrent financial year.

Discounting is beginning to put pressure on margins at home as compentors seek to buy market share: In the circumstances, Wolseley has done well to keep revenues growing in existing businesses. The company remains the quality stock among the builders' merchants and American acquisitions should bring in at least an ex-

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A colourful celebration

LOCAL businesses in Crawley will paint the town red next year to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Sussex town. Companies. including Virgin, British Airways, and Coca-Cola, are being approached to sponsor giant red billboards and window displays. For a week in May, streets, buildings, and flowers will turn red. One high street bank will offer a special dividend to clients who go into the red that week, parking will be free for red cars, and some shops are offering a 10 per cent discount to shoppers with red hair.

Selling point

THE Princess Royal and Terry Venables, an unlikely double act, are to speak at a top UK sales conference. Billed as "the most dynamic sales improvement day ever", the Institute of Sales & Marketing Management has invited the duo to address its annual conference in Birmingham next Thursday. The Princess Royal will address delegates in her role as Honorary Fellow, while England's former soccer boss is expected to share some of his legendary team-build-

There's the rub

THE future looks good for Jardinerie Interiors, the interior landscape company specialising in airports and conference centres with an AIM launch this month. It all began when chairman William Braid (better known as Midas) handed out a clump of money trees to institutions as a taster of his company, advising recipients to rub the tips of the plant every day if they want to be lucky in fireceiving the coffer-filling plants, three of the institutions have had lottery



Cheer up — they're bound to get a lot of crossed lines"

It's all Greek

OLIVER STOCKEN, finance director of Barclays Bank, is still suffering the after-effects of his weekend — a charity marathon in Greece. Under the command of John Campbell, co-founder of Campbell Lutyens, the investment bank, a 100-strong team turned up for the race between Marathon and Athens. David Svendsen. managing director of Microsoft UK, was among those who completed the Olympian task. A third of the field had never attempted a marathon. According to a very stiff Stocken: "By the time we got to the water stands, there was none left. Then they ran out of medals."

Vintage PR

FRANCE has awarded one of its highest industrial honours to a bubbly Brit. Step forward Malcolm McIntyre, the first PR man to be appointed a Chevalier de l'Ordre du Merite Agricole since the award was established in 1883. For 18 years, McIntyre has worked as an independent consultant on behalf of the champagne industry's governing body. This must be a good year for McIntyres - his daughter announced her engagement yesterday.

MORAG PRESTON



BAA's role at Indianapolis involves shops, car parks, police and fire protection at the main airport plus four general aviation airports and a heliport

BAA takes the Heathrow experience to America

Heathrow experience without setting foot in Britain. Under Lits embryonic plan for global expansion, BAA, formerly British Airports Authority, manages the retail outlets at Pittsburgh airport and, in the past year, has taken over full operation of Indianapolis airport.

The idea of transferring a city or regional airport to private management is still a novelty in the US, but BAA's efforts are arousing substantial interest among airport authorities. Its concept of turning terminals into shopping malls has already spawned imitators, as British visitors to Atlanta airport noticed during the Olympics.

In its US foray, BAA follows the axiom pursued by Sir John Egan, its chief executive, in the UK. He is convinced that the sky is the limit in making airports more pleasant for travellers and more profitable for business.

Although BAA has been generally welcomed in the US, officials in Pittsburgh and Indianapolis drove hard bargains and in one case changed the rules because their piece of the pie seemed inadequate. BAA has yet to see hold, but the effort was always considered long-term and the attention gained by having two BAA sirports up and running is likely to generate similar contracts from elsewhere.

Michael Bell, president of BAA USA Inc. said the past six months have produced inquiries from many other airports. Two years ago there had been only one glimmer on the horizon, Indianapolis, but now there are five or six, some of them fairly bright. One is Boston where the transport authority has invited proposals from the private sector to redevelop terminal A at Logan airport. Mr Bell said: "We're extremely interested in having a good shot at

The format in the new terminal at Pittsburgh, where BAA moved in four

The sky's the limit in making US airports pleasant and profitable, Ian Brodie finds

years ago, has been to create a model of cautioned: "I guarantee you we will hold proficient airport retailing by renting space to a variety of 60 outlets, including national chains such as the Gap clothiers that had never ventured into an airport before. Rents per square foot are more than in traditional shopping mails, but so is rurnover.

BAA insists that the days of airport gouging are over and that all prices must match those at nearby non-airport shops. The outcome is that Pittsburghers brag about their shiny "air mall" and some go there to shop, eat and drink, even when they are not flying. BAA's approach was so successful

that the governing county council decided it deserved more of the revenue. Guy Tumolo, then the aviation director, ordered his legal department to renego-tiate the contract. He admits he was unhappy with the county's share of the profits because they were based on passenger traffic rather than the thrivunshot was an increase in the county's take from \$4 million to \$6 million a year, while BAA, which has invested \$15 million in development at Pittsburgh. has an annual profit in the "very low millions". BAA was pragmatic about changing the contract; the company risked losing its attractiveness to other American airports if a conflict developed in Pinsburgh.

county officials fell foul of financial watchdogs in the county controller's office who complained that the pledge to match street prices was not being met. The trouble was across the board: Big Macs, books, razors, you name it," said Jack Chielli, spokesman for the county controller. BAA worked with the county to correct the problem, but Mr Chielli

There was one setback when BAA and

their feet to the fire if it happens again." The driving force behind Indianapolis being the first main US airport turned over entirely to private management was Stanley Goldsmith, the city's Re-

55 municipal entities and his success as mayor is the key to his current race for Governor of Indiana, a Midwest state of conservative values. BAA bid for the ten-year contract against four others, including the civil servants already running the airport. The British gained an advantage by promising not to dismiss the 300 exist-

ing employees in making the transition

from public to private management.

publican mayor. A believer in Thatcher-

ism, he has overseen the privatisation of

ndianapolis is a far bigger undertaking than Pittsburgh. It involves shops, maintenance, transport, car parks, police and fire protecal aviation airports and a heliport. All are owned by Indianapolis Airport Authority, which retains control over important policy. Mayor Goldsmith is satisfied that so far BAA has improved quality and trimmed costs. He said: I'm pleased with the partnership, although there's still a long way to go.
Our citizens don't care whether it's a British or American company running the place, but they do want good service and they're getting it."

BAA has guaranteed savings to India-napolis of \$32 million over ten years. The contract sets a baseline cost for operating the airport. If BAA comes in under the baseline the savings are shared, about 20 per cent for BAA, 80 per cent to the airport authority. BAA will receive an estimated \$900,000 this to the budget. BAA said the figures do not include overheads.

Pete Ritz, airport authority treasurer, is still trying to determine how much BAA will receive in the first payout next March. He said several contract interpretation issues have yet to be ironed out. Among other teething troubles, BAA provoked grumbles by doubling the cost of close-in car parking to \$20 a day. The move was to deter long-term parkers from taking up space needed for short-stay "meeters and greeters", for whom charges remained the same.

Under BAA's street pricing policy, chewing gum was reduced from 69 to 25 cents. But food and drink remained stubbornly more expensive than on the outside because Host Marriott, which had run the restaurants before BAA's arrival, still had a valid contract that allowed them to charge local prices plus 5 per cent. Under prodding, Host Marriott is now negotiating an expansion with BAA and has agreed to accept street pricing if the discussions go well, as envisaged. Steve Izant, a Host Marriott vice-president, said: "BAA is an important company and we want to sees BAA taking over other US airports

and needs to stay on good terms.
As newcomers to the Midwest, BAA was determined to be an American-style good neighbour. Reaching out to women and minorities was deemed so important that a "minority affairs coordinator" was appointed. BAA has also endowed two university scholarships for minorities to study retail management. In addition, BAA sponsors a baseball stadium, children's museum, symphony orchestra and children's reading programmes.

America is not ready for the outright sale of airports, as happened in Britain, but surrendering management to outside companies is an idea that could soon overcome local reluctance and take

council elections must be lodged by tomorrow. Standing

as non-working names are

David James (company doc-

tor), Sir Adam Ridley (Ham-

bros), Peter Nutting thero of Outhwaite) and Sir William

Arbuthnot (High Premium

Group). Any one could qualify

to become chairman and

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mind. Last but not least comes

Jonathan Agnew, formerly

chief executive of Kleinwort

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If none of these is thought

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available for re-election.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Renewal certain Pressure rises after fast service in gas contest

From Miss J. A. Elliott Sir, Having read Mrs B. A. Ford's letter in The Times (October 4) concerning her problems in obtaining service from British Gas, I feel I should relate my experience. I telephoned British Gas

one morning, the recorded announcements asked me to press a button on my handset and I was immediately in touch with a human being. He said he could send an engineer that afternoon

About half an hour later, British Gas telephoned to say the engineer could call that morning, if convenient. It was convenient, the engineer arrived within 30 minutes, the job was done, and before he departed he used his personal computer to produce a printout detailing the work done.

Unlike Mrs Ford, I shall be renewing my three-star service contract, Yours faithfully, J. A. ELLIOTT, 7 Shelley Drive, Stratford sub Castle,

From Mr Peter Soul Sir, Here is more intimidation from the gas industry, apparently, in the form of a letter recently received by my mother-in-levels Surface my mother-in-law in Sussex. Gas" and sprinkled with red print, it starts: "Warning, From January 25, your gas will cost more than it should, You may be aware that the gas industry has been deregulated ... unless you take action before that date, from then on you could find your

cent more than it should". Only if your hands are steady enough for you to read further do you learn that British Fuels-Gas is an independent supplier offering cheaper gas — and not afraid to warn that British Gas may soon raise its own prices.

gas costs you up to 20 per

In the competition to pump gas in at one end of the pipeline, who is concerned about the pressures at the other end? Yours faithfully, PETER SOUL 51 Lakeside. Earley, Reading, Berkshire.

Temptation of the NU 'carpetbaggers'

From Mr J. E. Humphrey Sir, Marianne Curphey tells us that the Norwich Union, in its plans for flotation, is dismayed by allegations that financial advisers are encouraging "carpetbaggers" to make fraudulent backdated applications for new policies (October 5).

One can surely be forgiven, in these notoriously unhappy days for financial ethics, if one asks how it can possibly be that a great mutual insurance society, with its paramount responsibility to safeguard the funds of its members, can manage to arrive at such a situation and that instead of issuing a plain office instruction of "no policies to be issued on applications received after midnight on October 1", it positively invites and tempts

the fraudulent operator in promising "to be flexible over the October I deadline', telling advisers that "it will accept pipeline cases" applications that had been completed but not processed up to the close of business on October 4. No wonder that Marianne

Curphey is constrained to tell us in her further column on page 29 that many of the estimated 100,000 plus people on the Norwich Union's helpline since it opened on the morning of October 2 were long-standing NU customers concerned about "carpetbaggers". Yours faithfully,

J. E. HUMPHREY. 9 Offington Gardens. West Sussex

Car insurance not so fair between drivers

From Mr A. G. Phillips Sir, Surely Pennington (October 9) is not suggesting that motor insurance is equitable and that no-claims bonuses are a means of ensuring this?

If you have comprehensive insurance and are unfortunate for foolish scrape your car on the gatepost, you can expect it all to be sorted out with one telephone call, and, if you have a protected no-claims policy, it will cost you nothing.

lf, however, you have third party only and through no fault of your own another driver swerves into you, the outcome will be far different. If he/she was drunk, the main aim will be securing a prosecution, not compensation for you. If the cause was a fatal heart attack that nobody could foresee, you

are on your own. Those who have never claimed in several decades will often still pay premiums way in excess of those paid by frequent claimants, just because of their occupation. choice of vehicle, or other largely irrelevant fact. Yours faithfully ANTHONY G. PHILLIPS. 32 Upper Street. Salisbury, Wiltshire.

From Mr David Wilkinson Sir. Pennington (October 9) is quite right to scorn the AA's worries that the Government may have to step in to prevent insurance companies discriminating against bad drivers.

Your reporter wrote that the insurers' practice of cherry-picking low-risk motorists runs contrary to the concept of insurance as providing a pooled risk". It certainly does not. "Cherry-picking" simply means asking the appropriate premium for the perceived risk. This is the essence of insurance. Yours faithfully

DAVID WILKINSON, 17 Speedwell Road. Birmingham.

Salaries, options and productivity From Mr Norman Lolley

Sir. It is suggested that the 10p tax band will entail a lot of extra work for tax offices. banks and building societies. all unproductive, as the 20p tax band must have. It is also stated (October 4) that the gains an average of £140,000 for company directors, some topping EI,000,000. I am not against high salaries, but it seems strange that numbers of people are paid for unproductive work while others receive the rewards of productive work but do nothing. For all those millions of

pounds there is not one more pound of coal from the mines, not one more car of wheat in the fields and not one more gramme of iron from the foundries. Will someone please explain? Yours faithfully. N. F. LOLLEY. Frenchay House,

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Tom Benyon on the qualities needed to lead Lloyd's into the next century

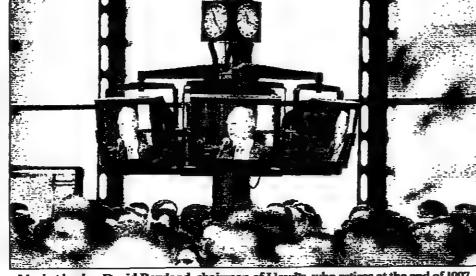
Braveheart required for job and a half

t is likely to prove difficult to persuade someone with the extraordinary City skills needed to take on the chairmanship of Lloyd's when David Rowland goes at the end of next year. The next chairman will be obliged to continue to nurse the society, if not from intensive care, from healthy convalescence, back to an Olympic standard of fitness, and not all the best candidates want the job. Rowland's virtuoso performance will be a hard act to follow.

The 1982 Lloyd's Act limits the scope for recruitment to the six working members of council. To allow an outside chairman would enable selectors to include world-class talent among potential candidates, and permit the new chairman to avoid the inevitable charges of conflict of interest, however groundless, that attach themselves like limpets to insiders who occupy

the office. Lloyd's has stretched the Act in the past without being shown a yellow card. However, there is a doubt that the best candidates are prepared to accept the many drawbacks that go with the job, particularly when they can make relatively stress-free money

elsewhere. The job is under the remorseless limelight of press interest and is almost wholly political. New recruits used to wielding executive power - will find that they



Market leader: David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, who retires at the end of 1997

are obliged to operate through presidential appeals to loyalty to the greater good. But why should a Bermudan company - whose needs are for shortterm profits - give a fig for Lloyd's 300-year-old tradi-

Corporates will take an increasing interest in the market - perhaps as much as 40 per cent next year - and their presence will not make managing the market any easier. The job will not be peaceful

as a number of names still

appear to be conducting the

Second World War. Then the

the gulf that is likely to open up between the interests of insurance companies — mostly American or Bermudan, owning managing agencies and dedicated vehicles, and those of the alliance of traditional names - spread vehi-cles and brokers who do not want Lloyd's to become an insurance bourse.

Finally, the successful candidate must be prepared to make substantial financial sacrifices. David Rowland receives £450,000 a year and one may assume that his successor will be offered the same. But chairman will have to bridge that is not a particularly large sum by City standards and will not attract high-flyers. The working council mem bers who qualify for the job are: John Stace. vice-chair-

man; Michael Cockell, underwriter (both retire in December 1996); John Chairman, underwriter: Paul Archard of Murray Lawrence: and Graham McKean, a leading broker. Whether they will want to be considered remains to be seen. And there is still time to welcome a new face since replacements for Stace and Cockell will be elected to

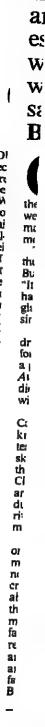
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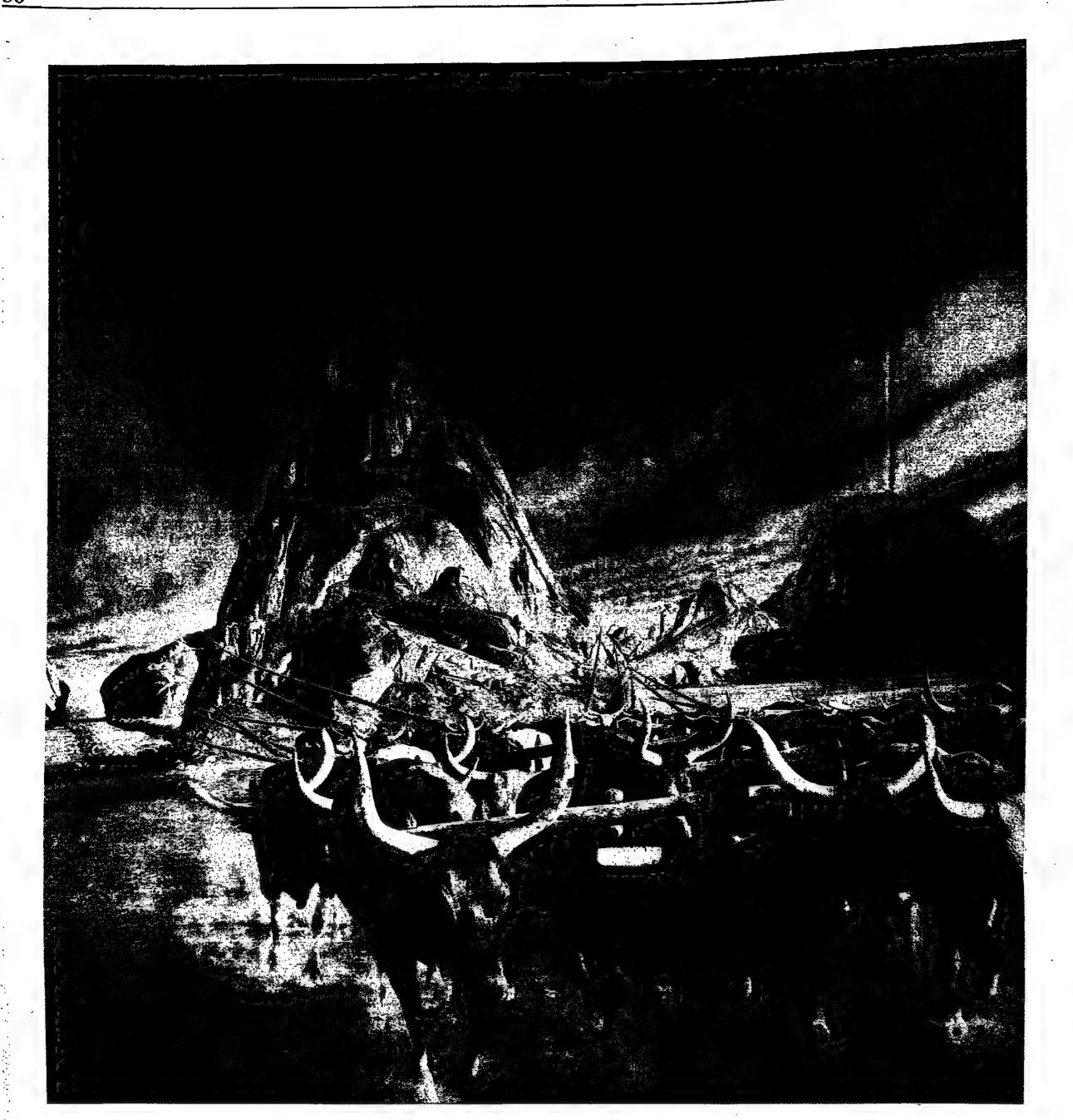
underwriting name, but a place would be found for her on the council; she would accept a directorship to qualify support of the agents she would win handsomely. Her colleagues will welcome her warmly, if through somewaht New candidates are wanted. A clean-living chap most like-, good with the press, tough

council when they retire.

☐ Tom Benyon is managing director of The London

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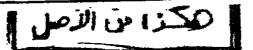
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FSB to act as survey backs Post Office monopoly

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL

SMALL businesses are to lobby the Government against ending the Post Office's monopoly of letters costing less than £1 after a survey of small companies produced a resounding vote of confidence in the postal service.

The Federation of Small Businesses is to seek meetings with Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, and other politicians. Although small businesses have been held up as the organisations most likely to have suffered from the series of one-day strikes throughout the summer because of their exposure to cheques sent by post, the survey showed overwhelming satisfaction with their post.

Bernard Juby, FSB Trade and Industry spokesman, said: "Whilst the recent spate of postal strikes has been a nuisance to our members sus of opinion favouring the monopoly through fear of ending up with a patchy service from any future privatisation.

Four out of five companies questioned in a 5,000 sample of businesses nationwide rejected the idea of ending the monopoly. Just 19 per cent thought it was a good idea.

Alan Johnson, joint general secretary of the Communication Workers Union, said: This is a further clear indication that the British public want no interference with the Royal Mail."

The results of a ballot of the CWU's 140,000 members on a pay and conditions package to end the long-running postal dis-pute is expected next week.

The Post Office said: "Royal Mail does not want to see the monopoly ended but the harsh reality is that the Government will do



Mark Ennis, left. Boxmore's group deputy managing director, and Sam Moore, group managing director, at its GCM plant in Leicester

Wolseley profits fall for first time in six years

THE DOWNTURN in the European housebuilding market has finally caught up with Wolseley, the builders' mer-chant, which yesterday returned its first drop in fullyear profits in six years.

The declined, signalled in the company's interim results, was less severe than the City had feared, with pre-tax profits just I per cent behind last year's at £243 million (£245 million), on sales 14 per cent ahead at £4.31 billion.

But the company said many of its problem markets were showing few signs of recovery. and that the cautious recovery in confidence in its US markets could be capsized by an increase in interest rates.

Its profits, for the year to July 31, included a £5.5 million benefit from favourable exchange rates as sterling weakened over the year. The extra leverage given to US sales took them to 22.23 billion, more than half the group's total for the first time. Although earnings dipped to 29.16p per share

(29.72p), the final dividend was raised to 7.25p (6.85p), making a total of 10.35p (9.8p), due on January 31.

Stephen Webster, finance director, said that while its US operations had delivered solid growth, the company was vulnerable to any post-election interest rate rise. He added that while the sector could withstand a 12 per cent increase in rates, he feared that a per cent rise would be

lough to affect confidence. Ferguson and Familian Northwest, its US subsidiar-

ies, both achieved strong was more promising, he did not expect the benefits to filter growth. However, the gains were offset by volatile lumber down to Wolseley until the end prices which hit both Carolina of next year. Builders and Erb Lumber. After six acquisitions, overall Trading profits in Europe

fell 7 per cent to £96.4 million, with markets in France and Austria worsening. Wolseley blamed this on the drop in public spending in those countries, and said the situation was unlikely to change over the next 12 months as their the Maastricht criteria.

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US banks ahead for HSBC

US trading profits were II per cent ahead, at £113 million.

said that no recovery had mat-

erialised, save for a few pock-

ets in the South of England.

Housing companies were still

selling existing properties, it

said, and had not yet started to

build new ones. Mr Webster

in the UK, the company

HSBC Americas, the US arm of HSBC Holdings, the banking group, reported a 25 percent rise in net income to \$101 million from \$81 million in the third quarter (Noel Fung writes). The increase reflected higher net interest

ncome from acquisitions and growth in Marine Midland Bank, HSBC Americas principal subsidiary. In the third quarter the bank absorbed two New York city branches of

the Hong Kong-based Hang Seng Bank and East River Savings Bank's II branches in New York. Also, the bank announced the acquisitions of First Federal Savings Bank and JP Morgan's US dollar clearing business In the nine months to September 30 net

ome rose 26 per cent to \$276 million, thanks to lower provisions for loan losses and tight

Boxmore unwraps increase

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN QUICEN

BOXMORE International, the packaging group based in Northern Ireland, yesterday reported a 39 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits, after a 58 per cent rise in sales by its pharmaceutical and healthcare division.

The company, which has its headquarters in Lisburn, made profit of E7.6 million on turnover of £45 million in the period to 30 June. Earnings per share grew by 15 per cent, to 7.6p. The interim dividend rises by 12 per cent, to 0.9p. payable on December 3.

Harold Ennis, chalrman attributed the pharmaceutical division's increase in sales to £18 million to a full six-month contribution from the GCM carton printing company in Leicester and the successful launch of Boxmore Healthcare Packaging. Boxmore paid £25 million for GCM in May 1995, so it contributed to only two months of last year's

interim results. Boxmore's food and drink division lifted sales by 38 per cent, to almost £14 million. from last year's first half.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

EIT sees long-term growth in markets

the eponymous international fund management group, signalled its optimism over longer-term market prospects by lifting its half-time dividend to 3.45p from 3.25p. The trust, which aims to maintain its dividend growth rate above that of UK inflation, said yesterday that in the six months to September 30 Edinburgh had lifted its interim payout, due on December 6, by 6.2 per cent compared with a 2.9 per cent rise in UK retail prices.

Ian Massie, Edinburgh's manager, reported that the net asset value of the trust's shares increased by 3.0 per cent to 396.5p while the share price was up nearly 3 per cent to 340p. He added that economic activity around the world was improving, leading to profit forecasts being increased which in turn provided good support for share prices. Investor uncertainty is, however, on the increase due to concerns about the likelihood of higher interest rates, particularly in the US, and the impact of elections in Japan, the United States and the UK," said Mr Massie. These factors may lead to volatility in financial markets in the short term.

Rebus to buy EPG

REBUS GROUP, the computer services company that demerged from CE Heath earlier this year, is to acquire EPG Insurance Systems, a supplier of software and services to the insurance and reinsurance industry, for £11.75 million. The acquisition is to be funded via a placing and open offer of new shares at oSp each, raising £12.75 million. Existing shares were unchanged at 72p yesterday. EPG, whose customers include Sun Alliance and Allianz Cornhill, expects pre-tax profits of £1.1 million in the year to October 31.

Property company up

SCOTTISH Metropolitan Property, the property investment company, yesterday reported a rise in net assets to 101.34p a share in the year to August 15, from 99.71p a share at the end of the previous financial year. The company's shares rose by 12p, to 85p. At the pre-tax level, profits rose to £9.01 million. from £8.69 million. Net revenue improved to £20.2 million. from £18.61 million. Earnings of 6.16p a share compare with 6.04p previously. A final dividend of 1.65p a share lifts the total to 2.75p, from 2.5p.

AIB subsidiary rises

FIRST MARYLAND BANCORP (FMB), the wholly owned US subsidiary of Allied Irish Banks (AlB), the Irish hanking group, yesterday reported an 8.6 per cent increase in third-quarter earnings to \$33.7 million. For the first nine months of 1996 FMB earned \$96.3 million compared with \$88.7 million last year. Tom Mulcahy, AIB's chief executive, said the improved performance reflected the continuing growth of the Maryland bank's customer base, particularly in retail

BBEA cuts its losses

BRITISH Building and Engineering Appliances, the building-related equipment and services group that has undergone significant restructuring, said all continuing businesses were now profitable despite operating in difficult markets. At the pre-tax level the company reduced losses to £2.25 million from £7.13 million in the year to June 30 on turnover that fell to £39.5 million from £40.68 million, reflecting disposals. Losses per share were reduced to 18.8p from 57.9p. There is again no dividend. The shares rose 32 p to 412 p.

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SALMON AND PRESHWATER FISHERIES ACT 1975.

Pursuant to section 25 of and Schedule 2 to the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975, the Environment Agency hereby gives notice of its intention to fix new tehing flowing duties which will have effect throughout the Agency's area of jurisdiction. It is intended that the duties set out below will come into force on 1st April 1987. Instrument: Rod and Line.

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'From silk to silicon wealth

The information highway is bringing prosperity to an ancient trade route, says Ruth Taplin

information globally, known as the information superhighway, could more appro-priately be called the Silicon Road or Silc Route and is likely to generate even greater wealth across the world than the Silk Road which first channelled trade between the East and West.

That ancient trade route. which passed from China through Central Asia, India, Persia and the Arab dynasties and then on to Europe, was based upon the marketing of silk. It brought untold economic prosperity and the mixing of cultures, the rise of flourishing cities and

Today, the silicon chip has replaced silk and the global linkages are much greater because of modern communications. Instead of emissaries

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The increasing flow of travelling for years to communicate and trade with other corners of the world, information flows and trade are conducted rapidly through the

The English language is a unifying factor and the UK can be seen as a gateway into Europe, just as Australia is a gateway into East Asia. The new Silc Road is based on the commodity of silicon, which is fashioned into the silicon chip, the programmed "brains" of almost all modern appliances.

R&D is usually carried out, separately from the production of chips in America's Silicon Valley in California, or, in Britain, at science research parks in Cambridge and

The highly enlarged programs created are then processed on chips. These are sliced from silicon wafers of two to four inches in diameter



understanding.

into as many as 500 chips. Each chip is bonded with up to 50 minute strands of gold wire and then baked.

As in Ancient China, the tasks have been delegated according to gender and eth-nicity. In Ancient China, it was the women who were responsible for reeling and spinning the silk into fine thread. Today, in the silicon chip process. again the women, from South-East and East Asia in particular, because of their tradition in spinning and sewing silk, who are responsible for the binding of gold wires worth their weight in gold in

cultural understanding. Manprosperity. And just as the agement decision-making is Chinese explorer Zhang Qian not always as quick in East used silk to open up commun-Asia as in America or the UK cations between East and This year, BT and the UK's West through trade, the silicon

Federation of the Electronics chip has done the same on a higher plane of technological Industry, created a satellite link between BT's London headquarters and Australia UK telecommunications through which members of the technology holds a very strong Australian Telecommunicaand highly regarded place in tions Users Group exchanged global telecommunications ideas and demonstrated modnetworks, underpinning the brains" and switching techels using a satellite technology. nology of many nations all The costs of such comalong the New Silc Road; but a munications are ever decreasnumber of problems are acing and this technology could companying such rapid change. One is that the pace of soon be used effectively for management board meetings or fruitful exchange of ideas in changing new technology is R&D over very long distances. outstripping the rate of crossInformation technology is an ever-changing industry

The worldwide market for telecommunications equipment and services has grown on average 3.6 per cent a year since 1989 to reach \$545.4 billion in 1995. By 2000 it will have reached more than \$650 billion and account for 2.3 per cent of the world's GDP according to The BT/MCI Global Communications Report which has just been

published. Furthermore, IT and telecommunications comprised a global industry worth more than \$1.5 trillion last year and it is expected to become the world's biggest industry. Indeed, it would be already if it were not for the fact that the rapid, continuous growth is constantly offset by falling prices.

Last year the world spent almost 60 billion minutes on the phone or sending faxes and data across public networks. This has risen from 15 billion minutes in 1985 and is expected to reach 95 billion in 2000. Although much is made of the cornucopia of new multimedia services that we in developed nations expect to enjoy over the next few years, basic telephony is recognised by the World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as a prerequisite for economic development. Teledensity says much about the economic state of any nation. According to the Interna-

tional Telecommunications

Taking it all in ITs stride

the United Nations, much of sub-Saharan Africa has only 0.29 lines per hundred people, while Bermuda has the highest teledensity with 70.64 lines per hundred in-habitants. The UK has about 50 lines per hundred people.

Despite the spectacular growth of electronic mail (email), fax continues to boom. There are more than 50 million fax devices in use worldwide. At the same time, the use of e-mail is rising rapidly too; more than 39 million people now have an e-mail address. The growth has been driven by increased use of the Internet and the increasing popularity of home computing: last year in the US, UK and Germany, spending on personal computers was greater than that on televisions for the first

The Internet might have taken more than a decade to link up 1.3 million host computers, but it grew to 9.5 million between 1993 and January 1996. It is thought Union (ITU), an agency of that the Internet has about

50 million users at the moment. Phone calls and video conferences are already possible across the Internet and the means of transferring electronic cash securely which should be available soon -- should boost Internet retail sales massively.

Meanwhile, on the business front, the Internet has spawned a new technology called Intranets. These are private, corporate networks modelled on the Internet (which are also likely to allow controlled access to the Internet itself) that make access to information fast and easy for everyone and means that such information can be quickly updated. Intranets can also be used to link "communities of interest": typically a company, its customers and suppliers, to improve service.

For example, last year Hughes Aerospace and Electronics established an Intranet in the UK, at a cost of \$600,000, to link it to 22 customers for the exchange of e-mail and material generared in-house. It is also used as the distribution mechanism for external material. including the 7,000 publications to which the company subscribes, from Jane's Defence Weekly to The Wall Street Journal, and many online services. The corporation saved \$250,000 on subscriptions within the first year alone - and this is just a "by-product" benefit.

ANNIE TURNER

Vital links in the world's high-tech chain

The Asia Pacific has become a key IT area, reports Ruth Taplin

n the Asia Pacific region, the new Silc Road is becoming a effective communications network. It is being rerouted away from the United States to make direct links between Europe, East Asia and

New sectors of Synchronous Digital Hierarchy, the enabling technol-ogy that increases traffic using optical fibre networks, have been laid by telecoms company GPT for 2,500 miles across the former Soviet Union into China. GPT is also supplying networks equipment to Uzbekistan, which will provide part of an important East-West short cut for traffic that previously had to be routed from Europe to the US, then across the Pacific to Asia. The new route follows the Silk Road of old. A new Silc Road that connects Europe to another part of the Asia Pacific is routed to and through

Australia, which has the highest

number of personal computer owners and users of any other country and is rapidly becoming an IT hub for the region. The Australian Government last year made a £293 million. seven-year partnership-for-development agreement with BT.

Singapore, which has built itself into an "intelligent island", has produced an extremely computerliterate population but is limited as a regional IT hub because of its size and secretive Chinese management decision-making practices.

Telstra, the largest integrated telecommunications carrier in the region, reaches more than 96 per cent of Australian homes. It has a global network in more than 230 countries and is involved in IT projects in the Asia Pacific with such countries as China, Vietnam and Indonesia.

Telstra has just established the longest and fastest link so far in the global Silc Road of 3,125 miles in the form of a connection between Perth and Brisbane. The result has been an information highway capable of carrying 30.000 simultaneous phone calls, 54 broadcast-quality TV channels, 240 Pay TV channels and more than 250,000 data channels.

China has always been seen as a lucrative market because of its many potential customers but it presents problems because of lack of spending power in rural areas, the vagueness of Chinese law and danger of political intervention.

In Japan, investment in telecommunications has been made a top priority in the economic reform package. Capital investment in the mobile communications sector ex-

ceeds that for the steel industry. For the eight companies belonging to Nippon Telephone and Telegraph (NTI) mobile communications network, capital investment is set to rise

orea Telecom of South Korea has experienced phenomenal growth rates of 15 per cent a year since the 1980s and is investing \$53 million — 8 per cent of its revenue - in R&D with a vision of globalisation that will mean 10 per cent of its operations being overseas by the year 2005.

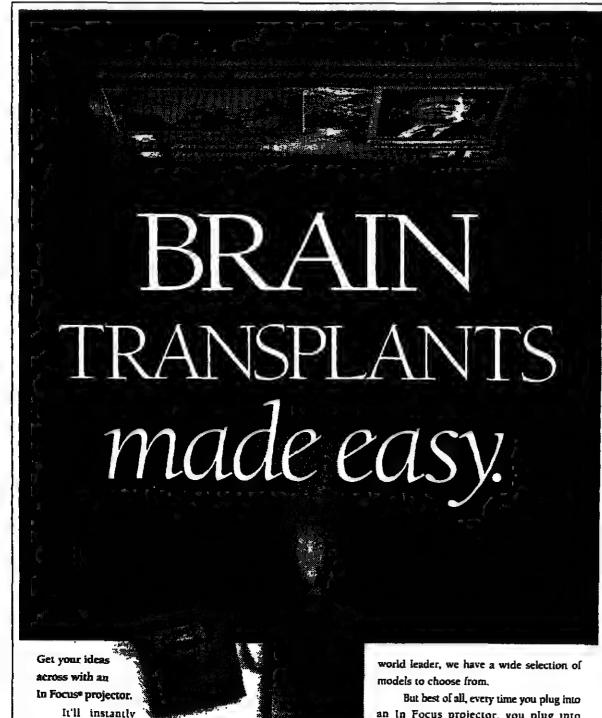
Taiwan, which dominates 80 per cent of the computer peripherals market, has until recently been one of East Asia's telecommunications blackspots. Unions have been opposing reforms in their sector and it was

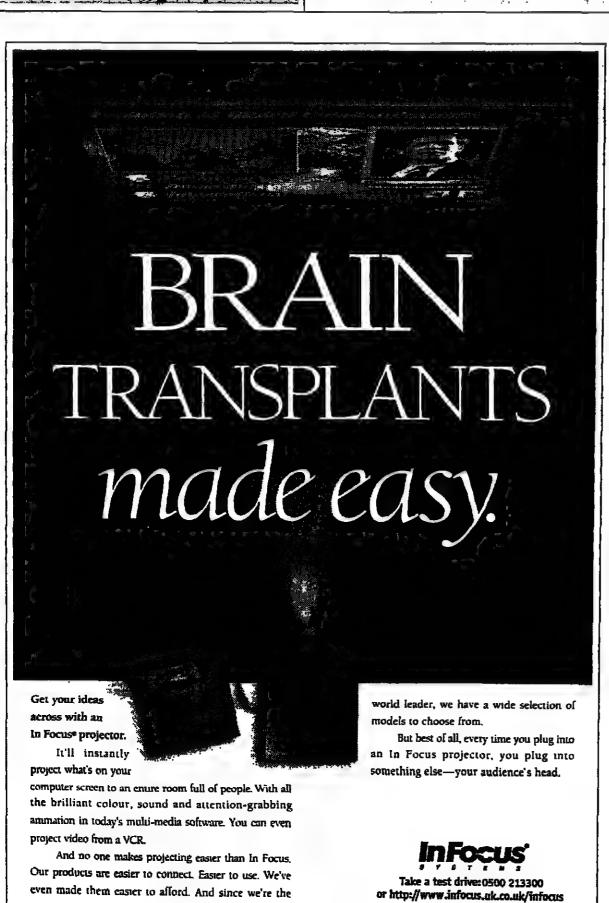
only after Taiwanese companies tened to follow foreign counterparts out of Taiwan that the Government moved rapidly this year officially to endorse a new Telecommunications Act.

The Philipino Telephone Corporation (Piltel) has said it will spend 6 billion pesos to finance the expansion in 1996 of its cellular mobile telephone systems.

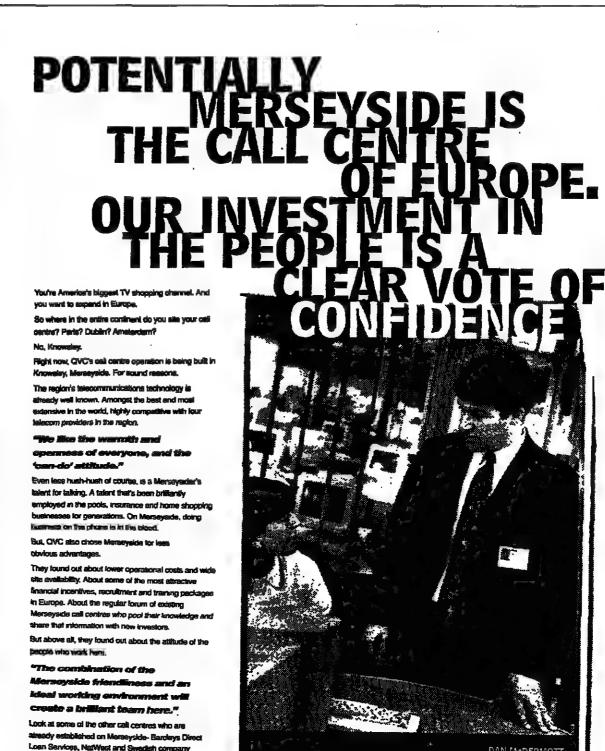
Indonesia is becoming the second most active telecommunications market in South-East Asia after the Philippines. Ericsson, the Swedish telecoms company. Won a £56 million contract this September to wire up Jakarta, Indonesia's capital city.

The turnkey contract also includes SDH transport networks equipment, flexible-access multiplexers and related management systems. The project, funded by the World Bank, will give Jakarta one of the world's most advanced access networks.





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Annie Turner explains why BT must invest overseas

Ringing changes

seas does not always make it popular with consumers at home. many of whom feel the money should be spent on infrastruc ture, services or price cuts in Britain, where the former monopoly generates most of

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The state of the s

ing industry

Closer scrutiny reveals that in a competitive world, BT has no choice but to expand its overseas business and that the real question is, how good is its strategy?

Andrew Harrington, director and senior analyst with Salomon Brothers in London, says: "Over the past five years, the cost of calls has fallen across the board by 5 per cent a year, largely as a result of

This trend will accelerate as American giants AT&T and Sprint, among many others, spend billions of dollars building infrastructure to compete

with BT on its own territory." As a counter-attack, BT is investing massively abroad to build up an alternative revenue stream, but this is not likely to generate revenue for three years at least.

Mr Harrington says: "Over

10 per cent year on year. I don't expect to see any great earnings growth at BT until the

early part of next century.
"It was inevitable and BT is doing what it can to mitigate circumstances - working to grow the traffic volume and retain market share at home."

other's back yards to compete directly against the incumbent in their traditional market, which is what the cable companies, Mercury, Energis and so on, are doing.
But AT&T, Sprint et al are

moving into the UK with such commitment not just to build an "in-country" presence but to gun for the millions of minutes of calls (voice, fax, and data) generated and re-ceived by the multinationals based here.

Mr Harrington says: The top 5,000 multinationals will be after global network providers in the next few years and if you haven't got a global network in place you won't be able to compete.

"BT's overseas investme won't start to pay off for at least three years, but they must put the investment in the next five years, the pace of now to ensure their revenue

world as three regions -Europe, Asia-Pacific region. and America - and has a different approach to each.

In the short-to-medium term, it views Europe as its "second home market", acis eager to build an in-country presence as well as skim off the international corporate

Most European member countries have agreed to the full liberalisation of their telecommunications industries from January 1, 1998, mostly meaning that the national state-owned or controlled op-erators will relinquish their monopoly of basic telephone

BT has just announced that it will invest £1.1 billion in France with Compagnie Generale des Baux (CGE), to challenge France Telecom. Robert Hall, principal consul-tant with London-based consultancy Ovum, says that "GCE are as good a bet as anyone else".

However, he is less upbea about BT's chances in Germany, Europe's biggest telecommunications market: "BT has found itself in the



France Telecom faces competition from BT and CGE

second division with its part-ner, Viag." BT has small joint ventures in Spain and Italy, two of Europe's most closed and its joint venture in Sweden with Norway's national operator is doing well against the incumbent Telia.

In addition, it has just announced a joint venture with Nederlands Spoorwegen, the Dutch railway company. All the deals are different and the overall picture is complex

spokesman insists: "We are going for economies of scale in Europe and establishing commonality in all the networks.

"BT might not be a major shareholding in most of its European Ventures, but it is the leading technology partner in all of them.

"It is very important that al the companies have a local feel to them, and that's why we are working with local partners

Speak after the tone

IT HAD to happen: your computer can now become a telephone. For the cost of a local call, it is possible to make worldwide voice coninto telephones nections via the internet.

The secret lies in new software available from a number of American corporations and one based in Israel. Intel, the leading US producer of microchips, is aiready into the second generation of its Beta software which is being given away on its Web site at http:// www.intel.com. Other developers include IDT Corp of Hackensack, New Jersey. Quarterdeck Corp of Marina dei Rey, California, and VocalTec Ltd of Israel, while keen interest is being shown by Microsoft Corp. Netscape Communications, America Online and IBM.

Though the number of telephone calls traversing the Internet is minute - an estimated 20,000 users - the potential threat to established long-distance tele-phone providers is obvious. However, the industry giants — AT&T, MCI and Sprint - are quietly applauding the new technology, despite the potential price competition. They see it as a way to enhance their

Software can turn computers

prospects of becoming Internet service providers, with the chance of raising access prices if voice calling brings a significant increase in the volume of traffic. That is what worries the 130 smaller long-distance

phone companies in the US. who buy their access wholesale from the larger carriers and resell it to consumers. As part of the America's Carriers Telecommunication Association (ACTA), they are petitioning the Federal Communications Commission, demanding that the Internet phone business be under the same rules as long-distance providers.

This would mean internet phone providers would pay local phone companies access fees to connect their long-distance calls, thus reducing their price advan-tage. Unless this is done, the ACTA members, who collect about il per cent of the industry's revenue, claim they will be forced out of the Internet

phone technology takes off. And Internet calling is not without drawbacks for its

For one thing, while one person talks, the other must wait to hear the message before responding. Delays in transmissions make conver-sations stilted, and both calling parties must be logged on to the Net and using the same software for the calls to go through. Band-width restrictions reduce sound clarity, and it is difficult to run graphics and talk on a sound device at the claims it can be done. Then there is the problem of finding out whether the nerson you want to call is also Internet phone user. Intel is offering free software to let PC users locate others

through a directory service. Many potential users may conclude it is simpler, and cheaper, to pick up a tele-phone and dial the international number. Still, with computers everything becomes more technically efficient and less costly at a dramatic pace. The day of the computer-turned-telephone has only just dawned.

WILLIAM NORRIS

The French connection

The Riviera has switched from

tourism to telecommunications

lmost every country and community encourages foreign intions and information technoogy (IT) companies.

One location that has succeeded in attracting state-ofthe art firms is the French Riviera. The region began a remarkable transformation from tourism to high technology 30 years ago and is known as Telecom Valley.

This month, for example, Microsoft chose the Sophia Antipolis technology park between Nice and Cannes as the site of its European Customer Briefing Centre, and Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft, will be speaking at a confer-ence in Cannes in November.

The high-tech evolution on the Côte d'Azur was launched in the early 1960s when IBM established a research facility in La Gaude, and Texas European headquarters in Villeneuve-Loubet. Today IBM has 1,200 employees - 80 per cent of whom are engiit neers and managers, specialis-

the spectrum of networking and networking products. Information technology firms are now found through out the Côte d'Azur, where more than 9,000 employees work for 100 companies in the telecommunications. space. computing, electronics, multimedia and networking sectors. Forty per cent of the 16,000 people working in Sophia Antipolis are employed in these businesses, giving the Riviera a formidable IT

The creation of Telecom

Valley in 1991 consolidated the thrust of telecommunications and IT companies and provides a network for communiment between the founding companies and a local pres ence - such as AT&T, Digital

Equipment Corp. IBM and TI. Telecom Valley gets a boost from the established presence of the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) and France Telecom. "As one of the world's largest standards bodies, we are a think-tank for new ideas in telecommunications," says Karl Heinz Rosenbrock, director of ETSI. The main players in telecommunications were firmly established before we arrived but many others have chosen to relocate. They feel that being close to the action facili-

tates information flow." The Côte d'Azur has also been chosen by France's Ministry of Industry to conduct 36 munications. About 1,000 engineers are involved in projects, ranging from the creation of a multimedia re-

source centre to telemedicine. Telecom Valley is also home to a wide variety of high-tech start-up companies, educa facilities. "We are a laboratory technologies," says Claude Guegen, manager of the Eurecom Institute, which has a graduate curriculum in com-

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Riccardo Chailly, the conductor who revolutionised the Concertgebouw, brings his baton to the LSO



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Chailly as he prepares to conduct the LSO for the first

time in 16 years an this be the rabid revolunonary who has trampled down the vineyards where the grapes of musical tradi-

tion are stored? Riccardo Chailly hardly acts the part. The voice is friendly and eloquent in four languages; the persona courteous, insa-tiably curious about all distant musical, and full of humour. If this is a hot-headed Italian maestro, the world needs more. And yet what Chailly has done with one of Europe's greatest orches-tras has been nothing short of a

revolution. "Carbon-copying the past

is the most meaningless, bourgeois, boring and mediocre way to approach a chief conductorship," he says. His deeds underline his words. There have been detractors, fights, casualties - but also, after eight years, general agreement that Chailly was right. The proud and superlative Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam has been dragged into the modern world. And,

at 42, Chailly has won a reputation as one of the most tough minded maestros in the business. "I am an animal of the 21st century," he says. He will certainly be one of the new century's biggest musical names.

Tonight he comes to London to take part in a symposium on a subject close to his heart: Mahler's Tenth Symphony. It is entirely typical that he should want to discuss this complex work in public before performing it with the London Symphony Orchestra next week. But if Britain's musical chiefs have any sense, they will also take the opportunity to quiz Chailly on events at the Concertgebouw, because the revitalisation of that organisation should serve as a model for every concert hall where audiences are greying and

repertoire stagnant. The son of a composer, Challiy came to Amsterdam as the first non-Dutch chief conductor in the Concertgebouw's 100-year history. That was striking enough. More significant still was the contrast with his great nedecessor. Bernard Haitink. Under Haitink, the orchestra's performances of the late Romantics had become a wonder of the age, and its gorgeously silky sound was unrivalled even in Vienna and Berlin. But Chailly, elected by the players after a few successful guest appearances, believed he had a mandate to shake

the old ship about.



Tough guy: Riccardo Chailly, "a Robespierre of new music", has dragged the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra into the modern repertoire

the 'golden repertoire' of the Concertgebouw: Mahler, Strauss and Bruckner, plus the three Russians who had close ties with the orchestra -Stravinsky, Rachmaninov and later Shostakovich. But when Mengelberg liegendary chief conductor of the Concertgebouw for 50 years to 1945] introduced these composers, they were modern. What drove me crazy was the realisation that some of the biggest musical names of the century didn't exist as far as Amsterdam was concerned. Never mind the composers of our own time."

So Chailly, in the teeth of fierce opposition from players, critics and the public, set out to turn the Concertgebouw into an expert contemporarymusic orchestra. "This was received like a violation of certain prime rules. The turmoil was strong and outspoken. My first years in Amsterdam were mostly a struggle. The contemporary programmes were nearly deserted by the public. I had to campaign more than a politician — a Robespierre of new music — to persuade people not to consider the contemporary concerts as ghettos for specialists.

Chailly's technique is to draw audiences into "difficult" 20th-centu-"Of course I respected enormously ry scores by programming them with

older pieces that cast revealing light on them. That can be seen from his two LSO programmes next week: Mahler's Tenth is preceded by Britten's Sinfonia da Requiem ("almost a reincarnation of Mahler in its final part," Chailly believes); and then, the following evening. Act I of Wagner's Die Walkure is presented in an epic coupling with Schoenberg's Verklarte Nacht. "Forcing audiences to go blindfold down a corridor is the mistake that the avantgarde made in the 1960s. It was too abrupt, too scary. People must be guided to see the connections between past, present and future."

The battle in Amsterdam is won. The orchestra's playing is still superb; but its repertoire is now comprehensive. The turning-point came in my seventh season, two years ago," Chailly says. "I felt settled in Amsterdam. That was also when it learnt to speak fluent Dutch, though this was a coincidence." He had shaken up the repertoire in

other ways, too. The Concertgebouw is playing Italian opera regularly for the first time. "Rossini was considered second-rate! Perhaps he was thought too jokey for the Calvinist mentality. But last Christmas we did Acts II and III of William Tell - 85 minutes of giant music - and they played superbly." Chailly also intro-duced Weill, Gershwin and the jazz music of Shostakovich. "The orchestra has learnt to swing," he says. And he plans to make the music of Pierre Boulez the centre of Amsterdam's 2000-01 season. "We should begin the new millennium with the example of a man who has always looked forward.

ut perhaps Chailly's biggest challenge was to stamp his own interpretation on the music that the Concertgebouw has played supremely well for the best part of a century — Mahler, Bruckner, Strauss. "The orchestra has finally shed its attitude of 'We always did Mahler this way; therefore this is the only way to do it'. In this respect the huge Mahler Festival in Amsterdam last year was a big step forward. There, very different interpretations -Haitink, Rattle, Abbado and Muti were not only accepted but warmly

welcomed." Like his near contemporary, Sir Simon Rattle, Chailly has admirable loyalty: for years he did not guestconduct, preferring to concentrate on Amsterdam and Bologna, where he was music director of the Teatro Communale. Relinquishing the latter post has allowed him to spread his wings. Chicago and Philadelphia have snapped him up; he will also appear regularly at La Scala.

More significantly for us, he makes his Royal Opera debut next season though when we spoke last month he had no idea where the performances would take place. The Covent Garden people have promised to show me a theatre when I come to London." he says tactfully, but with a bemused smile that speaks volumes.

Meanwhile, the LSO beckons. This is the orchestra with which I made my Edinburgh Festival and British debuts on the same evening in 1980," he recalls. "I was seen as this wild, young Italian guy. Abbado had already rehearsed the players for six hours that day. I was given the last three hours. It went badly, and I stormed out. The LSO chairman, Anthony Camden, was kind enough to come to my dressing-room and gently persuade me to return." Thus are lasting relationships forged in the music business.

● The Mahler Tenth Symphony Symposium is in the Barbican Hall (0171-638 8891) tonight at 7.30pm. Chailly's Barbican concerts are on Oct 30 and 31

Out of the chorus line

Ros Drinkwater talks to a star

about stepping out on Broadway

onna McKechnie is in London to perform Inside the Music, her autobiographical one-woman show, and to play Cassie, the role she created, in a Radio 2 concert recording of A Chorus Line. Two awards flank her career: a Tony for A Chorus Line (1975) and the Fred Astaire Award for the Best Female Dancer, for her Broadway performance in State Fair (1996). She is one of the elite whose name on a Broadway theatre guarantees box

Her persona is delightfully dotty: over lunch she confesses how she arrived at the airport with an out-of-date passport, tells of her pleasure when the airline upgraded her, and her disappointment when she boarded the plane. "It seemed so very small. It took a while for the penny to drop - I'd been upgraded to Concorde."

Her background is bluecollar Michigan, which she describes as "like the black and white scenes in The Wizard of Oz". In church she was taught that dancing was sinful so she escaped to the movies and when she was 15 she ran off to New York to realise her dream. In the mid-1960s she met Michael Bennett, whose innovative choreography was to take Broadway by storm - and McKechnie proved to be its ideal interpreter with show-stopping performances in Promises Promises

and Company. "It was around 1973 that Michael asked a bunch of us to come for a late-night class. He wanted to make a show about dancers. He had a very clear image that was also an expression of the loss of innocence he was feeling. His happiest times had been when he was in the chorus, but by 1973 he was weighed down by the responsibility of success. So, that night we sat down with a big, old, reel-to-reel tape recorder, a jug of wine, and Michael asked us to talk about we were dancers. That's how A Chorus Line began."

When the show opened in 1975 it was hailed as a master-

piece, becoming one of the longest-running shows of all time. Bennett and McKechnie wed, but a year later the marriage was over, McKechnie was out of the show and the whisper was - Bennett had blacklisted her. She still finds it painful to talk of the experience. "If you're a dancer you have a number, not a name. You have to go to the barre whether you feel like it or not, and you suppress emotions that get in the way.



Donna McKechnie: elite

But those emotions have to go somewhere; in my case they

kind of backed up. She found herself so crippled with arthritis that doctors said she would never walk again, let alone dance. Slowly she set about rebuilding her life and her career. By the time Bennett died of an Aidsrelated illness in 1987 they

were friends again. She sees energy as the key to the survival of musical theatre. "You can't justify song or dance without it and, when the music supports the lyric, it offers that heightened reality you can't get in a play; it goes beyond language to something everyone understands. Its appeal is emotional; intellect has nothing to do with it."

 Inside the Music opens tomor row at the Jermyn Street Theatre on Radio 2 on Nov 30

CONCERTS: Birthday celebrations for a great Briton; plus some quirky American declarations of independence

Polishing off a lifetime's work

THE GRAMMY AWARD WINNING MUSICAL

A PROGRAMME of his own music two nights before his seventy-lifth birthday on Monday was a special tribute to Sir Malcolm Arnold, rang-ing across a wide spectrum of



his musical personality, from the most serious to the wackiest of humour. This last provided the exuberant finale in the form of the Grand Grand Overture, composed for the first of the splendidly eccentric Hoffnung Music Festivals 40

years ago.
This time it involved Lord Menuhin conducting the London Festival Orchestra, supplemented by a concertante element of three Hoovers equipped with Union Jack dustbags and specially adapted to be noisier in an orchestral context, plus one electric floor-polisher. Eager "solo-

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Malcolm Arnold **Birthday Concert** Festival Hall

ists" for these were the immortal humorist's widow, Annetta Hoffnung, Hayley Mills and Pauline Del Mar, with Stephen Bull polishing no less

Hardly the most mellifluous of concertos, but it was dottily amusing in its effect and as divertingly entertaining as the Toy Symphony given earlier, with 12 girls from a London

the toy instruments along with an adult string quartet and pianist from the orchestra. Written for, and donated to, the Musicians Benevolent Fund, this engaging little work is thoroughly professional in its writing. More serious intentions went to the making of a

school's music class playing

Double Concerto (two violins and strings), premiered by Menuhin and Alberto Lysy at the 1962 Bath Festival and here played by Lysy, with one of his pupils, Sophia Reuter. and Menuhin conducting. Fluent solo work, but a somewhat stodgy orchestra, which acquitted itself more respectably under its founder-conductor, Ross Pople, in Arnold's most recent symphony, No 9.

completed a decade ago.
Disgracefully rejected at the time by the BBC, it is only now emerging as a masterly personal testament, written after the composer suffered "five years of hell" in personal troubles, but avoiding traces of self-pity in a more general mood of melancholy and disillusion. Shostakovich comes to mind more than once, but the work is the fruit of a truly individual imagination.

NOEL GOODWIN

An alphabet of mavericks

FROM Adams to Zappa. Saturday's three concerts by the London Sinfonietta as part of the South Bank's American Independents celebration made up an A to Z of maverick American composers. With typical enterprise the London Sinfonietta focused on some of the quirkier figures, and in the process gave first British or

LS/Adams Queen Elizabeth Hall

London performances of nu fewer than six works plus a world premiere. The premiere was of John

Adams's Gnarly Buttons, a likeable clarinet concerto commissioned by the London Sinfonietta for Michael Collins. It is scored for small orchestra, including a banjo that lends an unmistakable American flavour. The first movement opens with a lonely clarinet solo ranging over wide intervals, but obsessive

rhythms soon inject familiar

Adams energy into the work. Perhaps Adams, who conducted at two concerts, is becoming a mainstream composer: he has certainly outgrown his minimalist label. "Maximalist" might better describe his "docu-opera" set during the Los Angeles earthquake. I was looking at the ceiling and then I saw the sky, which appropriates elements of jazz, gospel, rock and Broadway-style balladry, and from which we heard a suite. A very different Adams was revealed in his Road Movies, a hypnotic work for violin and

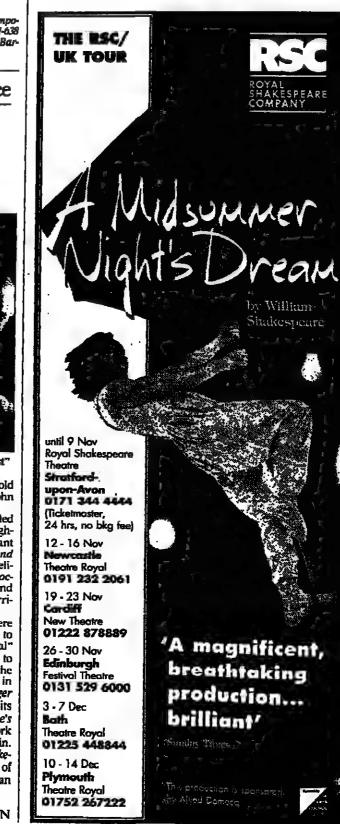


piano, played with big, bold tone by Clio Gould and John The programmes were filled

with a stimulating mix. Highlights were Copland's vibrant Two Pieces for Violin and Piano. George Crumb's delicately ethereal Four Nocturnes (played by Gould and Constable) and Lou Harrison's Concerto in Slendro.

More problematic were some of the pieces that tried to fuse "pop" and "classical" music. Frank Zappa ought to have been interesting in the work he wrote for Boulez in 1984, but The Perfect Stranger is a dense score that loses its way. His earlier Dupree's Paradise is a crisper work with echoes of Bernstein. Michael Gordon's Yo Shakespeare offers a lumpy blend of styles but he is plainly an American Independent.

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THEATRE

Neil Bartlett's new production of Shaw's 'scandalous' play, Mrs Warren's Profession, comes to the stage



OPERA

Glyndebourne pulls no punches as it tours Peter Sellars's staging of Handel's Theodora





RISING STAR

Daniel Brown wants to write. direct, act, produce, do everything and at 22 he has made a good start



TOMORROW

Trevor Nunn's star-studded Twelfth Night comes to the big screen: read Geoff Brown's verdict

hands as they accompany the recollection of her youth. Watch her

changing posture too, and that of Catherine Cusack, playing Vivie,

as though she resents any move-ment that takes her away from an

office desk, where she sits with

The play is social drama, melo-

confidence and frightening poise.

drama and frequently a comedy.

and there is not a poor perfor-

mance on show, (an Gelder's cruel

baronet. Neil Stacy's disciple of

beauty, John Quentin's dyspeptic vicar, and Gregor Truter as the charming wastrel, all bring per-

suasive details of behaviour to their

who has a galumphing sort of walk



Game for a good time THE Lord Chamberlain banned this play for 30 years and when a stage performance was finally per-mitted, in 1926, Shaw contributed a

note to the programme suggesting that the play should have been performed in the clothes of the 1920s, not of the 1890s. Neil Bartlett has dug out this fact and made admirable use of it in this fine production. He does not bring the play right up to the contemporary minute, for there cannot be any young Cambridge graduate today, even if she has

ics for three years, who could not bring herself to uner the words brothel keeper Bartlett sets the play in 1926, except for a silent prologue (devised by himself) placed 30 years earlier. in a sumptuously draped hordello. He assumes that today's audiences either know what Mrs Warren's

been grinding away at mathemat-

put the clues together so rapidly that the pense possesses a half-life of only a few

seconds. I don't think much is usefully added to the play by the glimpse of a man pulling on his trousers, but neither is anything forfeited. Despite my initial misgivings,

the Jazz Age setting suits the play's arguments as nearly as the Nineties would have done, and has the advantage, as Bartlett points out, of dressing the characters in the clothes of our century and not in the puffed sleeves and trailing skirts of the safely remote past. Rae Smith's design backs the acting area with a sepia photograph of an appropriate view, provides the mum of furniture, and makes no attempt to conceal the flies or

Mrs Warren's **Profession** Lyric,

THEATRE: Jeremy Kingston on a fine performance of Shaw's old shocker

of the staging coun-terpoints that illu-Hammersmith sion, and while [wouldn't say that we

therefore consider the issues of women's exploitation or male hypocrisy more attentively, the contrast between acting and surrounding is refreshingly astringent.
The Mrs Warren that Maggie
Steed gives us speaks in an accent

stage-hands waiting there. The perfor-

istic but the openness

and a vocal rhythm that have not left the slums as far behind as she likes to think. But when she glances distastefully at the west Surrey landscape to murmur "I'd rather be in Vienna" in a darker, smokier voice, or allows it to wobble, as she often does, you know why she was such a success on the game. Watch the movement of her

Bartlett makes young Frank steal a handful of cigarettes from Vivie's desk, and the play contains many such innovations. On the other hand, I do feel Mrs Warren should

wear a hat in the street.



Nothing to apologise for

Theodora

Glyndebourne

ble lack of compromise, Glyndebourne Touring Opera is taking the Peter Sellars production of Handel's oratorio out on the road, without cuts, without adjustments to a production that Sellars himself has returned to revive, and without apology — this is

serious stuff, an austere devotional drama, four hours of it, and what is good enough for the summer festival, GTO seems to be saying, is good enough for a regional tour.

The awful truth is - whisper it not in the streets of Antioch -- that purely musically

Saturday's performance was rather more satisfying than the one that launched the festival in May. The conductor Harry Bicket goes for more flowing tempos than William Christle, and achieves greater forward impulse without any loss of dramatic weight. The playing of the GTO orchestra. on modern instruments but in the magnificent chorus, a third of them new since the summer, is beyond

It would be idle to pretend that the singing of the princi-pals matches the level of the festival cast, but it would be equally idle not to salute the way artists whose work we already know rise to the challenge of Handel's writing and surpass their familian

best. Susan Bickley (frene) may not command traditional contralto tones, but her mezzo has a lovely velvety quality and she brought a radiant serenity all her own to a performance of great spiritual

beauty. The brothers Nigel and Christopher Robson have more demonstrative stage personae than their summer counterparts, and Sellars has allowed them marginally to change the feel of the production:

> former's Septimius is less a bystander, more an active partic foant in the drama, and the latter's Didy-

mus is more fleshly in his feelings for the protagonist. Anne Dawson's Theodora. with a mop of blunde hair, is similarly less otherworldly. both vocally and dramatically: sadly, her diction is muddy, which allows the collective concentration to falter.

As for the production, well, it is easy to pick holes in it, to least Sellars doesn't hide behind a moribund oratorio tradition and pays Handel the compliment of treating this astonishing work as living drama. After the music had faded into nothingness on Saturday, there were ten secands of sturned silence before anyone dared applaud. One of GTO's finest hours, I think.

RODNEY MILNES

GREAT BRITISH HOPES Rising stars in the arts firmament

DANIEL BROWN

Age: 22 Profession: Producer and

Pioneering partnership: Brown is one half of the new

producing duo who have excited interest by staging rarely seen musicals at the Bridewell Theatre. His coproducer is James Clutton, himself only 30, the first artistic director of Oscar's cabaret in Leicester Square who now runs two more late-night venues. It was at Oscar's that Brown met Clutton. "I had just left drama school and had



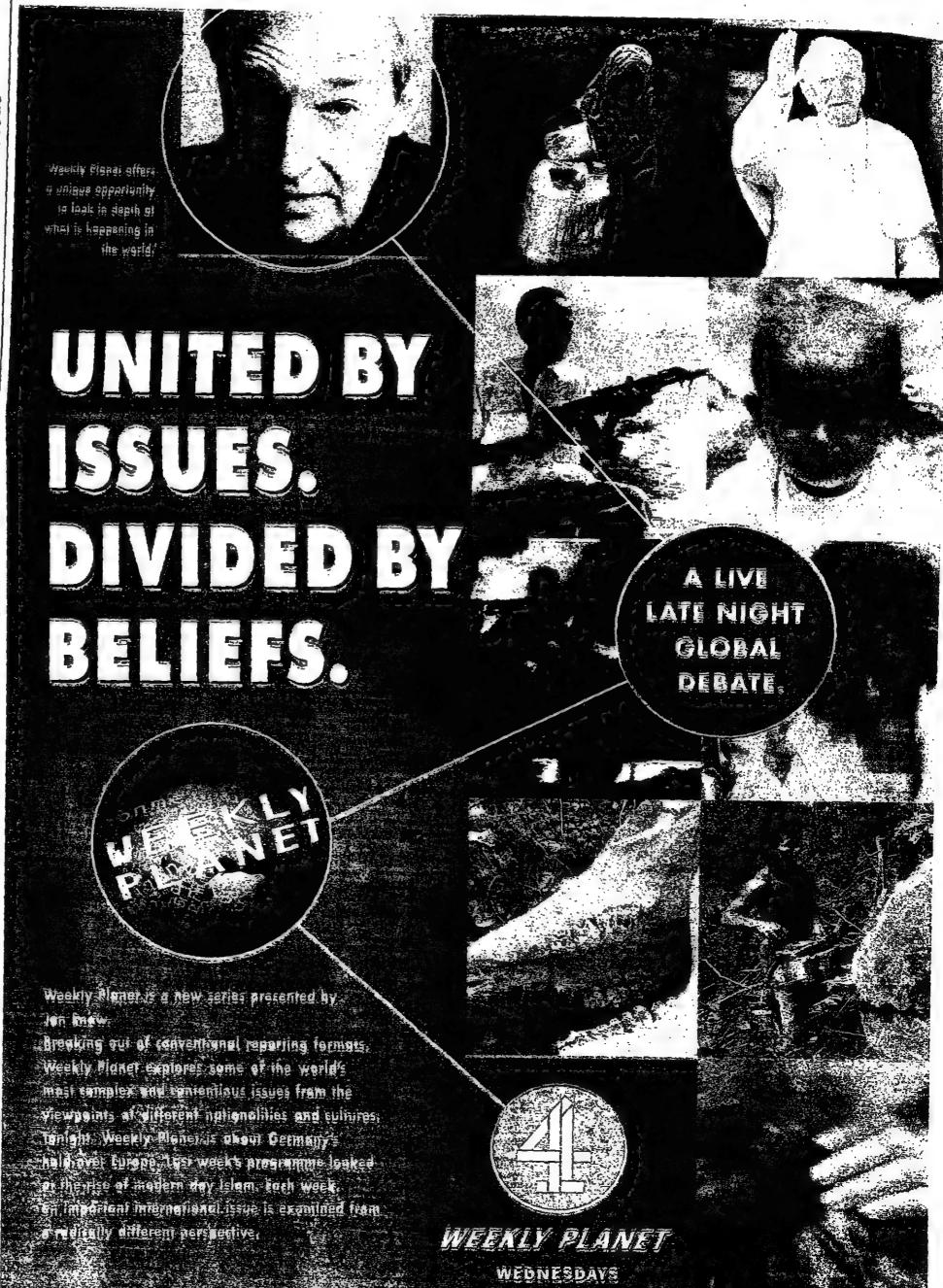
started acting with the RSC." Brown remembers. "I was wondering what I was going to do with all those free days stretching ahead." They were soon full.

Into business: Brown and Clutton kicked off co-producing Brecht's Happy End. Last month they not only premiered Romance Romance at the Bridewell, they simultaneously branched into theatre, opening Christopher Hampton's When Did You Last See My Mother? at the BAC.

Additionally: On stage. Brown has charmed the critics singing dapperly in Damn Yankers. He is also filming a new series of ITV's The Knock, where he plays a boisterous Glaswegian officer, and writing a play, which Clutton wants to cu-produce. There are rumours of Romance Romance transferring to the West Ford Illimostaly of Romance transferring to the West End. "Ultimately, of course. I'd like to be a megalomaniac," Brown declares, writing, directing, acting, everything.

How do they work as producers? Firstly, we get down to French's Bookshop and search for pieces that haven't been seen. After that you are on the phone 24 hours a day."
Seen. After that you are on the phone 24 hours a day."
Clunon and Brown, besides raising money, devotedly muck in. They painted Romance Romance's sets through the night. "I can't think of any better antidote than The Knock." Brown says with a grin, "running round fields pretending to shoot criminals with nothing more important to worry about than whether my cagoule fits.

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CHOICE 1

Ballet lovers: Irek Mukhamedov is Romeo to Mivako Yoshida's Juliet

VENUE: Tonight at the Royal Opera House



■ CHOICE 2

Plenty of hit songs on offer as Smokey Joe's Cafe hits the West End

VENUE: Opens tonight at the Prince of Wales

Madama Butterfly The Chinese soprano Chen Sue sings the role of the tragic geisha, with the American tenor liter). Nicolatin as the periodicus

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WHAT THE HEAST FEELS AND

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■ CHOICE 3

Lyceum in Crewe

Timothy West stars with his real-life son as Falstaff and Hal in Henry IV VENUE: Tonight at the



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The women pioneers of film-making finally get their due in cinema's centenary bash

LONDON

AS YOU LIKE IT. Seven Protect's superbly cast production from this year's Stratford comes to London where it will Commonwards.

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HANCET Michael Maloney plays the Prince in a production by Philip Franks. director who has done great things here SE10 (0181-858 7755) Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mai Set, 2.30pm. Until Nov 30.

Profession Continues with Normalh MacMillan's first full-length ballet: a Machinan's first full-length bases a haunting and moving version of Shakespeare's romanic tragedy, set to music by Protofiev Mysko Yoshida and trek Mushamedov dance the parte of the III-lated teams.

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000), 7 30pm

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and Sal. 3pm. TROOL FOR LOVE IN Brown directs Barry Lynch and Lorraine Ashbourns in Sam Shepard's ferce drama of love on the edge of the Mojave

Dosiner Warehouse, Earthern Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mais Thurs and Set, 4pm. Until Nov 30 AT IN THE COMPANY OF MEN Edward Bond's directs his own new play, with Karl Johnson and John Light playing a father and son par of corporate raiders in the City jungle. Pit, Barbican Centre, Sit. Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonghr-Sat. Tom; mats fornormw and Sat, 1 30pm in rep ■ MOJO Second chance to see the multi-award warning Jez Butterworth's hair-reising play, set in Soho gangland lan Richzon directs a new cast.

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A daily guide to erts

compiled by Marit Hargie ELSEWHERE

CREWE in their first appearance on stage together, Timothy and Samuel West, lather and son, play Felstall and Prince Hell in the two parts of Henry IV Directed by Stephen Unwen for English Touring Theatre.
Liceum, Heath Street (01270 537333).
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LEEDS: Opera North returns to beset for one week only before continuing its autumn bour to Nottingham Tonight's programme features the company's new production of Puccrit's leanishes.

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MAS WARREN'S PROFES Maggie Steed in the title role, with Catherine Cusack as her outraged daughter in Neil Beritett's strongly cast production of Shew's 1893 shocker, Lyrke, (long St. Will (0181-741 0311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm

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In the infancy of the film industry,

cradle, Stephanie Billen discovers

films are beginning to pall, then Norwich's Cinewomen Festival (tomorrow until Sunday) does at least offer a very different take on the subject.

Now in its sixteenth year, the festival regularly promotes work by women film-makers, but this year it marks cinema's 100th anniversary with a look back to the forgotten women of silent cinema. Men may have taken all the credits, but women were not only present at the birth of the movies but

had a hugely important role both as directors and stars. Marquise Le-Page's documentary The Lost Garden, to be screened on Friday, tells the forgotten story of the world's first

woman filmmaker, Alice Guy-Blaché, while on the same day Louise Anderson, a lecturer in media theory at the

Germaine Dulac to the Hollywood radical, Lois Weber. Before 1920 there were more

itions, than in any subsequent period, yet many of them. including Guy-Blaché, died in obscurity, and reference books have reduced them to lootnotes. How, one wonders, did they ever achieve such power in the first place? "Because it was a new technology, it was a free-for-all," Anderson says. "As soon as it was realised that it would be a massively popular form of entertainment, the production targets were enor-

e seem to have mous, so they needed as many people as possible. Gender didn't come into it."

In 1895, Guy-Blaché was Léon Gaumont's secretary in Paris. She asked to film her own stories and was granted permission "as long as it did not interfere with her secretarial duties". She wrote, directed and starred in her first film, The Cabbage Fairy, in 1896 and amazingly went on to become head of production while still a secretary. "I think the fact that she could be doing both jobs gives you an idea of the kind of regard film-making was given initially." Anderson savs.

Guy-Blache's stories may not have been earth-shattering but her style was influential. She put up signs

for the actors saying "Be Natu-ral" — rare ad-**6** Before 1920 vice in those days there were and moved in for close-ups more women D. W. Griffith in the film made them fashionable. Her use industry than of special effects was also starin any later tling. Distiking models, she once period 9

University of Northumbria in band was injured in the process. She even experimented with synchronised sound and colour tinting. On moving to Hollywood with Herbert ne and

> Women directors had an extraordinary freedom. "It was a new industry and censorship was not as rigorous as it became in the 1920s," Anderson says. Thus, in 1916, Lois Weber, then the highest paid director in Hollywood. was able to make a film about abortion called Where Are My Children? and have it shown in most states of America.

ons and seedy arcades," An-

women wielded surprising power behind the camera, they were godfront ('Female stars had a huge following of female fans writing in for their beauty tips and so on," Anderson says, "It was hig business, and women such as Mary Pickford or Mabel Normand were also able to set up their own production comnanies or direct. It was possible to move between

women. "Cinemagoing came from a tradition of nickelode-

derson explains. "When the money-making potential of film was realised, there was a drive to make it respectable. days the desired audience is '70s, which runs from Novemably young men." Ironi-

stars and writers. Those female directors who did manage to break through the ranks when the talkies came along - Leontine Sagan,

ras. Agnės Varda – often made some extraordinary films. Their contribution is celebrated at the National Film Theatre in a season called A Century of Women's Film-making: Europe 1930s-The fact that female pio-

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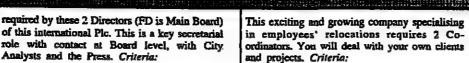


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Maoris make Britain pay for catalogue of mistakes

New Zealand Maoris40 Great Britain XIII

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THE threat by the New Zealand Maoris was implicit in their 34-man version of the pre-match haka, a performance repeated with even greater, wild-eyed vigour after beating Great Britain here yesterday. They had waited 86 years for such a win and while they celebrated, the visitors contemplated a tour

that is going from bad to worse.

It can be salvaged if New Zealand are defeated on Friday at Palmerston North and the threematch international series is levelled at I-1. However, although defeat by the Maoris has no direct bearing on that game, the fact that Britain are still without a win in New Zealand is hardly going to bolster confidence, nor is the selfinflicted nature of what was their third consecutive defeat.

individual blunders were responsible for four of the Maoris' seven tries, an error count from which Britain could not recover. Nor did they deserve to. Theirs was a flat, botched performance that reflected little credit.

If Britain do lose to New Zealand again, then defeat in the international series and performances like this one will be blamed partly on inexperience. There are too many fine players at home, injured or playing rugby union, for that not to be the case. Certain young players are having to play at a level above and beyond them.

The circumstances yesterday of a proud side, a partisan crowd and wet conditions were too much for some - Nathan McAvoy, for example, who spilt a ball that saw the Maoris on the road to victory in the second half. McAvoy should not even have been playing. He is captain of the touring Great Britain Academy side, was originally on

gency measure and ended up covering for Barrie-Jon Mather, who was saved for possible international duty because Daryl Powell

has a niggling hamstring. Karle Hammond, the stand-off half, did less wrong than most here. That and a string of good performances in the midweek side are likely to earn him a place on the bench on Friday.

Had Britain continued in the way they began, it might have been different. Dwyer, in taking advantage of Hammond's jinking run. scored on his tour debut, but when he allowed Stevens to rip the ball from him five minutes later to set up the Maoris' first try, he set a

precedent for self-damage, Prescott then fumbled a high kick by Stevens, which brought the first of two tries by Murray, an impressive full back, whose handling was only bettered by preci-sion kicking that had Britain turning, twisting and fumbling under pressure.

Excellent individual scores by Smith and Bradbury were welltimed retorts, but then McAvoy coughed up the ball running out of defence in Murray's tackle and Ramsey followed up to score. There was no way back. Even when Rawhihi was in the sin-bin and Prescott nicked back a try, Walker nonchalantly brushed aside Roper to score. Murray, brilliantly, and Lowes also scored, but by then the result was assured.

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Show goes on for great entertainer

David Campese's success in amassing 100 caps will be hard to match, David Hands believes

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one of New Zealand's historic sporting venues — on a June day in 1994. David Campese will do it today in the Stadio Plebiscito in Padua, in the northeast corner of Italy, when his name will join those of the sporting immortals who have represented their country 100 times.

Sella, the great France centre, was the first rugby union player to reach the milestone. Campese will be the second and, for all the proliferation of international fixtures, they may occupy their pinnacle in splendid isolation for some time to come. Fifteen seasons of biff and bang is not to be contemplated lightly in a heavy-contact sport that demands more and

more of its contestants. When John Eales, the Australia captain, told Campese that the honour of leading the team out against Italy this evening was to be his, Campese said: "No, mate, I'll do what I've always done." It is

part of rugby's folk-lore that Campese files out last of all. On this occasion, however, Eales will insist and Campese will accept, cheerful-ly enough, the plaudits of what will be a comparatively small

Campese is a man of contradictions, a self-confessed loner who plays for the team, a man who gives not a jot for tradition but lives for the moment, for the pleasure he and his colleagues can derive from self-expression in their chosen sport. Somewhere inside the man who celebrated his 34th birthday on Monday is the boy trying to cock a snook at the world that has given him a

living.
That he has reached his century comes as something of a surprise given that he has considered retirement at least twice and that the Australia selectors seemed likely to abandon him after the World Cup last year. The selectors changed, however, and Campese returned this summer as part of Greg Smith's preference for a footballing back three in any team he coachie

Campese's speed, never the most obvious part of his game, is not what it was, but his matchless

Philippe Sella did it at Lan-caster Park, Christchurch — vision and work ethic remain. It is no coincidence that he has been available for so long, for no one has worked harder to keep himself fit. He set himself professional standards long before professionalism became accepted, partly, perhaps, because he truly does not

know what lies beyond rugby.

He has devoted himself to the sport and it is a moot point as to which has gained the greater reward - Campese himself, in terms of a material return, including the sports store that bears his soubriquet in Sydney, or rugby, as the means by which he has expressed a sublime talent. Alan Jones, his coach on the grand-slam tour of Britain in 1984, once described him as the "Bradman of rugby" and it is true that his fame

transcends sporting barriers.
"He is, without a shadow of a doubt, the most visible rugby face throughout Australia," Andrew Stack, his captain in 1984, said, "You could go to Perth, Adelaide, Hobart, anywhere which is not big on rugby, and they would know David

Campese. A recent feature on Campese in a worked harder ranked him alongside Brian Lara and John McEnroe,

sporting icons capa-ble of remarkable individual deeds yet also flawed as individuals. Slack, who has criticised Campese at times in his own newspaper columns, picks his words carefully when describing his former colleague but reminds anyone who damns with faint praise that a player who can hold his form over 15 years at the highest level must be ranked among the best.

The statistics speak for them-selves. Campese is the world's leading try-scorer, with 64; he was voted player of the tournament in the 1991 World Cup; he has played international rugby as a full back as well as wing and could probably have done so at stand-off half indeed, he is used in that role for defensive purposes. He is the great entertainer: in one match at Cambridge in 1988, he scored in every conceivable way and was so influential — this is a wing, remember — that, had he been able to levitate, those watching felt he might have

looped the loop for good measure.



Pass master: Campese sets another attack in motion

Now his powers are waning, as the years dictate they must. Good judges take him to be, perhaps, the third-best wing in Australia, behind Joe Roff and Ben Tune. Yet the fact that British crowds may glimpse the Wizard of Oz just once more over the next month, as the

Australians tour Britain, is their privilege sporting legends do not happen for every generation and Campese, surely, is one of those.
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Parrott's new cue proves deadly in rout of Morgan

BY PHIL YATES

JOHN PARROTT defeated Darren Morgan for the first time in eight years when he overcame the dog-ged Welshman 50 in only 81 minutes to reach the quarter-finals of the Grand Prix at Bournemouth yesterday. It was a performance that confirmed a growing belief that the loss of his original cue last month has, ironically, done Parrott

"I'm going to get a reward up for the lad who allegedly nicked my old cue. The replacement is superb," Parrott, the 1991 world and United Kingdom champion, said Even if it turns up. I wouldn't use

Morgan, one of only three plays ers to have whitewashed Partes during the Liverpudlian's 13-year professional career and who has been successful in their last four meetings, holds a similar opinion. "If that's what it does for you, it wish someone would steal my cue," he said.

Parrott outscored Morgan 430-89 and compiled breaks of 65, 51, 69 and 65 during the course of the onesided contest. The only frame that Morgan, the Irish Masters champion, had an obvious chance to win was the third, when he missed the last red and his opponent cleared to

Parrott will face Billy Snaddon or, more likely, James Wattana for a semi-final place on Friday. Like Morgan. Wattana has the rare distinction of having whitewashed Parrott. Coincidentally, the Thai beat him 5-0 in the last eight of the Mercantile Classic in Bourne-mouth in 1992, but, on form, a repeat of that result is unthinkable. With Parrott exuding confidence, his absence from the World Cup in Bangkok next week will surely e detrimental to England's trie hopes. He withdrew because his wife, Karen, is due to go in to hospital on Sunday, the day of the final, to give birth to their second

Mark Williams, who scored a surprise 9-3 victory over Parrott in the final of the Regal Welsh Open nine months ago, joined him in the quarter-finals with a 5-3 win over Mark King, of Romford.



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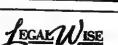
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England A set out to win respect for domestic game

BENEATH the low-key itinerary of England's A-team tour to Australia lies a hidden agenda. It concerns the recovcry of national self-esteem, the correction of a psychological imbalance already menacing the Ashes series next summer. As David Graveney, the tour manager, observed: "The Australians don't have a high regard for our cricket. We must try to make them revise that opinion."

Graveney's ambition is to pervise a party of players tho learn what it is to win in Australia and his hope is that some of the 14 under his command will graduate to play a part when the Ashes are at stake. It is a hope shared by Mike Gatting, the last England captain to win the Ashes and the A-team coach on the eight-week trip that begins

Gatting has replaced Graham Gooch, who is unable to tour due to the ill-health of his father, and he will feel a certain nostalgia, ten years on from leading England to a 2-1 series win in Australia. There will also be a sense of reacquaintance for the three Eng-land players brought up in Australia — Jason Gallian, Craig White and the captain, Adam Hollicake.

Born and raised in Melbourne, Hollioake, at 25, was a bold and original choice to lead the team. It would have bon more conventional and less adventurous to entrust the captaincy to one of greater experience, but Hollioake has shown enough, when leading Surrey, to quell any anxiety over his maturity. The steel in his nature, a legacy of his upbringing, may also be an

Graveney believes as much,

and County Cricket Board side against South Africa A last summer. He is confident that their relationship will work, though he reflects ruefully on an umpromising first encounter with his captain. He is the only bloke I ever threatened to hit on the pitch," he said. "I was batting for Durham when I heard him tell one of the Surrey opening bowlers to hit 'this old chap' on the head."

There is a progressive feel to the management of this tour. Graveney has agreed with

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PARTY: A J Hollionke (Surrey, captain), M A Buscher (Surrey), G Chappie (Lancashire), M A Eulham (Kent), J E R Gallian (Lancashire), A F Glies (Warwickshire), A J Henris (Derbyshire), D W Headley (Kent), W K Hagg (Lancashire), A McGrafin (Yorkshire), C A Shah (Middesed, P M Such (Esaed), M P Vaughen (Yorkshire), C White (Yorkshire), Merager: D A Graveney, Coach: M W Gattling, Physiotherapiet: D Corney, TINERARY: Oct 31 -Nov 2 v New South Australia (Adelaide Ovel), Nov 15-16: v Australia Captai Territory (Canberra) Dec 3: v Australia Captai Territory (Canberra) Dec 5: v New South Wales (SOS), Dec 7: v New South Wales (Woolongong), Dec 10-13: v Queens

Gatting that they will run the cricket between them, the manager donning his trackwisdom to the bowlers in the party. In the longer term, of course, this may be one more step towards his accession to the vacant seat as chairman of selectors.

Gravency might well have held that rank already but for the fiasco last spring, when his candidature was withdrawn having been impressed by at the behest of his principal Hollioake when he led the Test employers, the Professional

Glamorgan upgrade **Cardiff headquarters**

ELAMORGAN yesterday blowed the signing of Waqar Junis, the Pakistan Test player, by unveiling plans to pansform the club's headmarters at Cardiff into an 8,000 seater national cricket ground for Wales. The £9 million project includes as indeor cricket school, which for as the first phase of the completed by March, 1998.

- Glamorgan are confident of securing the necessary cash from national funding organfigations, the local business community and benefactors. "We intend completing this exciting project as quickly as

we can," Tony Dilioway, the Glamorgan marketing director, said.

John Reid, the Internation-

al Cricket Council referee. said yesterday that no action would be taken against Mohummad Arbaruddin, the reaction to his dismissal during a one-day match against Monday, provoked crowd trouble. Ian Healy, the Australia vice-captain and the only specialist wicketkeeper in the 14-man squad, tore a hamstring during the match. Adam Gilchrist, of Western Australia, will replace him.

Cricketers' Association. Its fears over a conflict of interests for its general secretary now appear to have softened.

Graveney sought personal reassurance by writing to ask each county representative for the views of its members. Militancy is evidently absent, for he has had only a handful of replies. The matter was discussed again at an Association meeting yesterday, but, for now, Graveney has put the issue to the back of his mind.

"I want to make some cricket in the next few weeks, while showing them that we have some pretty talented youngsters," he said. "The boys on this trip will be left in no doubt as to their responsibilities and their opportunities. This is an important stepping stone — success in Australia counts for a lot."

The Australian authorities have embraced the tour with implicit reluctance. It is being staged in early spring, with temperatures in Melbourne lower than in London, only because the alternative offered the more attractive months of December and January involving a disdainful fixturelist against state second teams.

As it is, the A team will face the senior state sides of South Australia, Victoria and Queensland in four-day games and play two one-day matches against New South Wales. There is still no international cricket, a regrettable omission, but the four-day game against the Australian Cricket Academy promises a stern test.

When England last sent an A team to Australia four winters ago - an oddly selected party that included such already-faded talents as James Boiling and Tony Middleton - this fixture was the high-light of the tour. The Academy side contained Michael Slater, Michael Bevan, Ricky Pont-ing. Stuart Law and Greg Blewett, but England A won

convincingly. "It seems the tour peaked with that victory and results fell away badly thereafter," Graveney said. "We must ensure there is no repeat of that and at least the absence of international games gives an incentive to keep the form CONSTANT.

Nine of the 14 touring players are 25 or under and, combative Hollicake apart, three likely to make significant strides are Tony McGrath, the Yorkshire batsman, Andy Harris, Derbyshire's progressive seam bowler, and the precocious Middlesex schoolboy, Owais

Maddux keeps the Braves in control

AFTER some superimman hitting, it was back to business as usual for the Atlanta Braves in the World Series here. After scoring 12 runs in game one, they managed only four in game two, but, behind Greg Maddux, possibly the greatest right-handed pitcher in baseball history, that was more than enough to defeat the New York Yankees 40 and give them a 2-0 lead to take back to

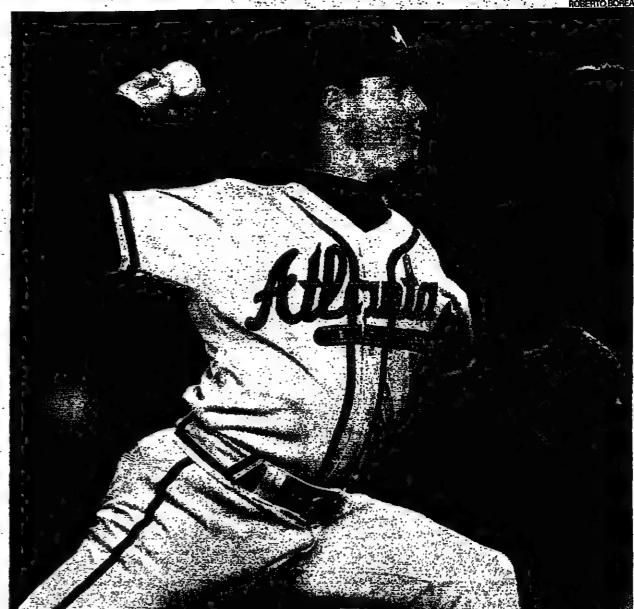
euphoria into their first Series for 15 years, the Yankees find themselves sinking fast. Hav-ing been crushed by the Braves' hitting spree on Sun-day in the first of the best-ofto a Maddux special on Monday: eight innings of pinpoint accuracy that let the air out of their balloon and deflated the 57,000 gathered in Yankee

the mound, he is a figure of absolute command. Off the field, he is a study in anonymity, looking more like a computer technician behind his horn-rimmed glasses than the most feared pitcher in the National League.

But he will stand out more in the history books than in any crowd. He has won four consecutive Cy Young awards for the best pitcher in the league — an unprecedented feat. Last year, he launched the Braves' successful drive for the World Series championhitter, a performance to rank among the greatest in the 92 ears of the competition. His latest effort will stand

beside it. He gave up six hits, but scattered them across eight innings so that no one scored. After four innings, he had thrown 35 pitches; his hapless opponent. Jimmy Key. had thrown 71. Only one of his outs was a catch in the outfield: the rest were a succession of ground balls to infielders and to Maddux himself. Not until the seventh inning did he manage the first of his two strike outs.

Joe Torre, the vastly experienced Yankees manager, when asked where he thought Maddux stood among the best pitchers he had seen, replied: He would have to be in the handful. The thing that is different about Maddux is that



With pinpoint accuracy, Maddux leads Atlanta to a 4-0 win over New York in game two of the World Series

like [Bob] Gibson or [Sandy] Koufax, he does it with finesse, intelligence and confidence." Bobby Cox, the Braves man-

ager, admitted he had exhausted his stock of adjectives for Maddux. That was a typical Maddux game," he said. "He was quick, sneaky and the ball had a tremendous mount of life on it."

To the untrained Maddux is a mystery. His fast ball is not particularly fast, averaging 86mph when others can break 100mph. His talent is his control. He makes hatters hit the nitches he wants them to hit, ensuring a steady flow of ground balls to

ers. Not the least of these is seven consecutive gold gloves the National Leagu

Maddux does his best to be as dull as possible. At the postgame press conference on Monday night, the first ques-tion he received was a joke and the room dissolved into laughter. Maddux stared blankly ahead, suggesting he was either a misery or at least a bit

slipped. Asked which newspaper he had been reading, he said: "I don't know." Pause. One of the black and white ones." The room dissolved again and Maddux only just managed to keep his face

This is no idiot. He has parlayed a talent for throwing a ball into a salary of more

ity is his weapon. He does not want the hitters to remember him. "My pitches are not good enough that I can use them over and over against the same hitters," he said. There were some other

Braves playing too and chief hitter, Fred McGriff, who drove in the first three runs with two hits and a sacrifice ily. The other run was driven in by Marquis Grissom. The Yankees misery was deep-ened when their superb young shortstop, Derek Jeter, was hit on the wrist by a pitch. Even Maddux's mistakes are deceptive: Jeter may miss game

SAILING: UNUSUAL STARTING GUN WILL HERALD DEPARTURE FOR FLORIDA

Competition warms up within Clipper 96 fleet

BY EDWARD GORMAN

TO THE sound of machine-gun fire, Sir Robin Knox-Johnston's unsponsored Clipper 96 fleet will set off from Madeira tomorrow, bound for Fort Lauderdale in Florida. With no starting gun available capable of firing blanks, the eight 60-foot sloops, designed by David Pedric and crewed by 14 fee-paying volunteers, will set sail to the sound of rapid fire.

SCI2100 OL CDWA RIAILE RI Global Challenge, it charts a course around the world westabout, via the Panama Canal and Hong Kong, and returns to Britain by way of Cape Town and Salvador in a 32,000-mile voyage that finishes next September.

The yachts are identical and are

under the command of experienced skippers, with crew members paying up to £21,500 for a full circumnavigation. However, only about a quarter of

Cays ago will comp with many others joining for one or two of the six legs. -

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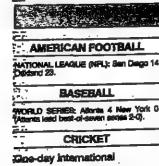
westerly gale as they left the Channel, but then enjoyed increasingly good conditions and the the first four came in on Sunday within the space of 90 minutes. The winner was Ariel, skippered by Ras Turner.

Sir Robin was delighted to see the first 1,200 miles completed so competi-

Knox-Johnston's race is a warm- those who started from Plymouth ten tively. "It was a brilliant finish," he When mey started, the crews were just amateurs. Now a real race is

> ☐ With just 450 miles left to go to Rio de Janeiro, Mike Golding, on Group 4. has again widened his lead over Toshiba Wave Warrlor and Concert in the BT Global Challenge, Golding was two miles short of the highest 24-hour run in the fleet yesterday with 228 miles. This was enough to increase his lead over Toshiba from 32 to 44 miles.

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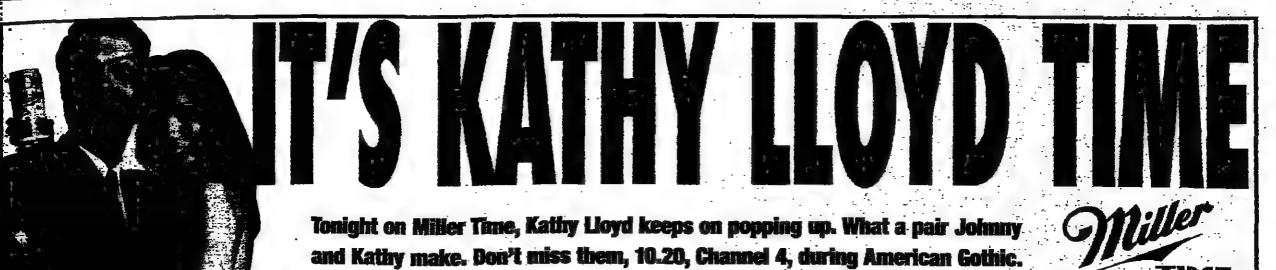
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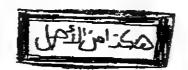


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FOOTBALL

Harkes lifts trophy to seal game's revival

FROM JONATHAN PRYNN IN BOSTON

THE remarkable revival of professional soccer in the Unied States after a decade in the doldrums was sealed on Sunday night when DC United were crowned as the first champions of the country's

John Harkes, the former West Ham United, Derby County and Sheffield Wednesday midfield player, who now captains the team from the nation's capital, lifted the Maior League Soccer (MLS) Trophy after a 3-2 victory over the Los Angeles Galaxy in the final of the play-offs at the Foxboro Stadium near here. Played in appalling condi-

tions in front of 35,000 spectators. United won the final with a powerfully headed golden goal scored in the sixth minute of extra time by the central defender, Eddie Pope.

There were remarkably few fouls, almost no dissent and only one obvious dive - a Klinsmann-style celebration of the Galaxy's first goal, a header from the Bolivian, Eduardo Hurtado.

The Californian team appeared to be cruising to an easy victory when, in the 55th minute, Chris Armas danced through the United defence and cracked the ball to the left of the goalkeeper, Mark Simpson. However, as the second half progressed, the more muscular approach of United, hardened leadership of Harkes, dominated.

Two goals from free kicks a 73rd-minute header from Tony Sanneh and a scrambled shot from Shawn Medved after Jorge Campos, Los Angeles's Mexican goalkeep-er, had failed to hold Marco Etcheverry's set-piece

brought the scores level. The scenes of celebration that followed Pope's winning goal were not confined to the supporters who had travelled north from Washington. Although soccer cannot challenge American football, baseball, basketball and ice hockey in the nation's affections, the inaugural MLS season has far exceeded the expectations of

the League's founders. Professional soccer in the States was assumed to be dead and huried in 1985 with the collapse of the bloated and overhyped North American

Soccer League (NASL). Nevertheless, MLS was launched in April with ten professional teams, the backing of \$70 million (about £45 million) in sponsorship and, crucially, a television deal with the ABC national network. The ten teams play in two conferences. East and West, each of five teams. The top four in each conference went through to a knockout stage, culminating in the final on Sunday.

The backers and founders of MLS are determined not to reneat the mistakes made by the NASL Clubs are not separate financial entities, as in Europe, but are owned and controlled by the League. Players are contracted to MLS, not to their teams, and salaries are controlled to keep costs down.

Even so, MLS has attracted a handful of leading South American players, including Carlos Valderrama, the for mer Colombia captain, who plays for Tampa Bay Mutiny, and Hugo Sanchez, the Mexico striker and star turn at Dallas Burn.

Average attendances in the spectable 17,000, compared with the 10,600 forecast, and a record crowd of 92,216 turned out to watch the Los Angeles v Tampa Bay game in June.

Most important, in the land of the dollar, the League's loss on the first season was \$15 million, about 25 per cent better than expected. The backers of MLS, who include three billionaires, are prepared to play the long game before seeing a profit from their investment. Another failure and professional soccer may never again return to the United States.



McMahon accepts that he will probably never be able to shed his persona as one of football's hard men

McMahon kicks against image

Russell Kempson meets the player-manager

McMahon, the Swindon Town player-manager, is a fearsome customer Time has not eroded the public awareness of his trademark. crunching challenges. Mess with McMahon and, most certainly, thou shalt not survive to tell the tale.

It is a reputation he accepts reluctantly, with a piercing, unblinking stare. "People still see me in a Liverpool shirt, trying to kick lumps out of Vinnie Jones," he said, "That's the image they have in their minds and probably always will. Unfair? Yes, I think it is. There's no way I'm like that, that's just not my way. I feel I've mellowed a lot over the vears, even if some people might think otherwise.

McMahon, 35, also accepts, less grudgingly, that his playing days are nearing a conclusion. Unless he shakes off a persistent back injury, which has plagued him for ten months, he is unlikely to appear in Swindon's Coca-Cola Cup third-round tie against Manchester United at Old Trafford tonight. It is a match, from on or off

relishing a new battle with an old adversary the bench, that evokes memo-

ries of many titanic struggles past with Everton and Aston Villa, but, most notably, with Liverpool, for whom he made 277 appearances. "There were so many memorable tussies," he said. "They had a certain edge to it, always; the United games became even bigger than our Merseyside derbies.

"Old Trafford is one of the best stadiums in Europe and I can't stress enough to my players how much they should try to enjoy it. It's not our gest game in its importance no one will give us much of a chance — but we'll have a good day out. We won't lie down, we won't surrender: we'll give it our best shot."

No surrender: the McMahon call, when team-mates were wilting around him. when opponents began to take liberties. Such a style, such inbred defiance, earned him 17 England caps and nine winner's medals, including three in the championship and two

in the FA Cup. It earned him respect, too. And a reputation. Since he left Manchester City and succeeded John Gorman. now assistant manager of England, almost two years ago, he has left an indelible mark on the County Ground, as player and manager. He was sent off in his

opening game, against Southend United, then against Bolton Wanderers. "Initially, I found it difficult," he said. "I was like a buil in a china shop. I was trying to change the course of the game immediately. When I was playing, I was trying to play and manage. It was impossible."

cMahon added: "Perhaps the injury was a blessing. It gave me time to take stock of what we'd got and assess things. I had to deal with situations, tough situations, and I did. It wasn't easy; it's the hardest part of any job to tell someone they're not required any more."

Of the playing and backroom staff who first greeted McMahon, most have gone. The revered former players, like John Trollope and Andy Rowland, who had become long-serving coaches; others, too: the high-earners, the low-achievers, the wasters. All gone. "It happens," he said. "It's day-to-day life, day-to-day business. It's sad but it's realistic. People move on."

Swindon slipped into the second division, with McMahon unable to arrest their slide from the FA Carling Premiership, but they won the title last season and now sit comfortably in the Nationwide League first division. His restructuring is approaching completion and he has signed an extended contract until 2001, believed to be one of the longest managerial deals in the League. "I want to show a bit of loyalty. There doesn't seem to be a lot of it in football at the moment," he said. "The club has been great and if

should repay them." McMahon's family - his wife, Julie, and sons, Stephen, 12, and Paul, 10 - provide an escape from the stress. "You feel the responsibility much more as a manager," he said.
"The buck stops with you." He also plays golf, off a handicap of 13. "I try to get away when I can. You can't work all the time. You never know what's around the corner."

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He picks up a framed photograph, a celebratory picture of the second division trophy, himself, his mother and father and his three brothers and sister. Four weeks after it was taken, his mother. Irene, lost her 18-month battle against CAMOST.

"She was only 52, no age at all," McMahon said. "It hurt and it's taken me a while to get over it, but that's life. It's why you must enjoy it while you can, why you must live it to the full." His eyes did not glaze over but the stare, momentarily, was elsewhere.

Hearts in search of swift solace,

By Our Sports Staff

HEART of Midlothian, without a trophy for 34 years and still smarting from their 5-1 defeat by Rangers in last season's Scottish Cup final. will start as favourites in tonight's Coca-Cola Cup semiagainst Dundee, the Bell's Scottish League first division leaders, at Easter Road.

"I always felt after the Scottish Cup final at Hampden that the best way to wipe out what was a bad day for all of us would be to get to another final as quickly as possible," Jim Jefferies, the Hearts manager, said yesterday. "The Coca-Cola Cup offered us the shortest route to that and we'd love to get through again." Hearts have not tasted suc-

cess since lifting the League Cup at Hampden in 1962, while Dundee were finalists in this competition last season, knocking out Hearts en route to a Hampden date with Aberdeen, who beat them 2-0. This season, a reshaped Dundee side avenged that defeat at the quarter-final stage after winning the local derby against Dundee United.

This will be as tough a match as we have had so far," Jim Duffy, the manager, said yesterday. "Hearts are right up for this game, as they showed by coming from 2-0 down in the draw with Celtic at the weekend. Anybody watching that match could see they are a good side and very committed. But it is a big incentive for my players, both

those who made the final last season and the others who came here and perhaps didn't envisage reaching one."

Stephane Paille will partner John Robertson up front for Hearts, now that the Frenchman has agreed a three-month deal to stay on in Edinburgh. Paille has played for Bordeaux, Montpellier, Sochaux as well as FC Porto, in Portugal, and has impressed Jefferies on trial at Tynecastle.

The main worry for Jefferies is the fitness of the former Dundee winger. Neil McCann, who has missed the last two games with a muscle injury. and it looks as if Stuart Callaghan, 20, will get another chance after playing so well against Celtic

Dundee will have their playmaker, Chic Charnley, in Ce side before the start of a fourmatch suspension after the fifteenth red card of his career. "He has done well for us in this competition and it is good that is available for the semifinal," Duffy said. "There is no doubt he makes us play at

Jim Hamilton, the Dundee striker, will be hoping to maintain his fine run in the competition and so strengthen his claims to a £1,000 prize from the sponsors. Hamilton has scored four times in Dundee's run, netting twice in the Tayside derby victory and a late winner against Aberdeen. He is one goal short of Dean Windass, of Aberdeen, and Jorge Cadete, of Celtic, whose sides are already out.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Third round
Chariton v Liverpool (7.45)
Leeds v Asson Ville (7.45)
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Middlestrough v Huddensfield (7.45)
Newcastle v Dicham (7.45)
Southampton v Lincoin
Stoke v Areanal (7.45)
Tottenham v Sunderland (7.45)
West Harn v Nottingham Forest (7.45)

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LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Pirst round, second leg: Aberysbyth v Centrolran; Conwy United v Porthmadog. Postponed: Liensantfiraid v Centees Bay.

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Barnstapia Town, Les Philips Cup. First round: Chard Town v Bristol Marror Farm, NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE / up: First round replay: Rossendale v Gg. Jop. North End Floodilt Trophy: First round, first leg: St Helens v Bootle First round, second leg: Cletwore (5) v Deriven (3), kldsgrove (2)v Narrewich (1), Parnith (6) v Blackpool Machanics (1).

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Hoyszon. BCHOOLS MATCHES: Premier Leegue Trophy: Under-16: Lancashre v Mersey-side (at Stanley Park, 70) RUGBY UNION

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CLUB MATCH: Exeler v Royal Mannes

OTHER SPORT BOXING: Commonwealth super-mid SNOCKER: Grand Prox (Bournemouth)

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Today's hand illustrates a coup popular with problematists.

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West began with a passive lead against South's slam. The contract seemed to depend on the club linesse, so declarer won the lead, drew the outstanding trumps and took the club finesse. West won and switched to a spade and the slam was quickly one down.

The slam is actually a much better proposition than the club finesse: it is laydown provided declarer can decide who has the ace of spades. Had West had the ace of spades, he might have chosen to lead it at trick one, so it is more likely to be in the East hand. Declarer should win the opening lead, draw the outstanding trumps ending in dummy and play a low spade. What is East to do? If he ducks, declarer will win the queen and discard his other spade on the king of diamonds before taking a club finesse for a possible overtrick; if East rises with the ace of spades,

AUBRY'S DOG

c. A dragon hound

a. A burning dress

b. A River of Hell

c. A glass fibre

a. Depression

NAPHTHA

b. A cat

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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c. A just lover

FABRICIUS

a. A master tailor

c. A spinner of fables

a. A wine-throwing game

b. An incorruptible general

Answers on page 46

b. A female art student

declarer now has three winners (two spades and a diamond) on which to discard club losers.

Had declarer decided that it was more likely that West held the ace of spades, he would simply have played a spade from hand and West would have been caught in the same dilemma as East on our actual lay-out. This "heads I win, tails you lose" situation is known as "Morton's Fork". On the third day of the Olympiad in Rhodes, the Britain men's team drew with Taiwan but lost to Estonia and India: a win over Russia leaves them in seventh place. The women have won only two matches, against South Africa and Hong Kong. De-

feats by Germany, Hungary and China leave them 12th. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Coulsdon

indefatigable Chris Dunworth has been responsible for the organisation of yet another international standard tournament. This is the Coulsdon International, rated category three on the World Chess Federation level and capable of offering international master norms to the competing players. The first round was marked by a drastic miniature win, in which Black was overrun in a mere 15 moves.

White: Wall Black: Gormally Coulsdon International October 1996 Trompovsky Attack

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Oxd4 Od6 12 Nf3 13 Nd5 Diagram of final position 5世 源白龍 微

resign but the best defence for Black is 15 ... f5 but after 16 Nf6+ Rxf6 17 exf6 Qc3 18 Rael White's position is clearly

Kasparov in London

Garry Kasparov, the PCA world champion, will be in London this week supporting a chessathon to assist British junior chess. On Friday he will be present at the launch of the school chessathon with Steve Davis, the British Chess Federation president and snooker champion, at Dixons in Oxford Street. From 12.00 to 2.00pm Kasparov will be play-ing chess at Selfridges, while from 2.30 to 4.00pm he will be signing autographs and an-swering questions at the Chess and Bridge Centre in Euston

Knockout challenge

The following 13 clubs have announced their participation in this year's Martell Chess Challenge: The Athenaeum; Brook's; the Royal Automobile Club; Savile Club; Euten's; BBC; Oxford and Cambridge; Simpson's in the Strand; Chel-Arts; East India; Hurlingham; Roehampton and Army & Navy.

Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times and is available now from bookshops or from B.T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

- WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Toth - Szigetti, Budapest 1946. In this quietlooking position. White alertly spotted a tactical possibility which could easily have been overlooked. Can you see it?



BOXING Testing title challenge for Wharton By Srikumar Sen

HENRY WHARTON, the World Boxing Council No I super-middleweight contender from York, is keeping busy while he waits for his next world championship chall-enge by defending his Com-

monwealth title against Rick

SOXONG CORRESPONDENT

Thornberry, of Australia, at Halifax tonight. However, Wharton's task is likely to be a stiff one, for Thornberry has a win over his tough countryman, Rod Carr, who in turn gave Wharton a difficult time in two contests. Thomberry had no problems outboxing Carr comprehen-sively and although he has suffered one defeat in his 14 contests, that loss should be discounted as it was at the hands of a heavyweight, Colin

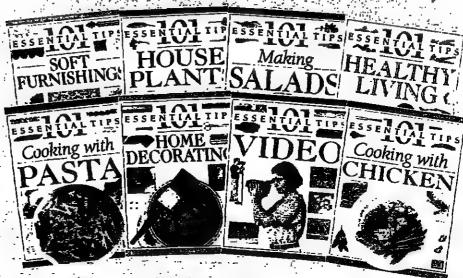
Having come to boxing from Australian Rules foot ball, the challenger is a tough competitor, but while he could make life tough for Wharton for several rounds. the Yorkshireman's heavier punches should take their toll in the end.

Wilson, who stopped him in

On the undercard, Joe Calzaghe, of Wales, was to have defended his British super-middleweight championship against Paul Wright, of Liverpool, but he has pulled out of the bout with a eg injury.

Herol Graham, 37, the former British and European middleweight champion from Sheffield, will meet Terry Ford, of the United States, in his first comeback contest AN EXCLUSIVE OFFER • ~

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RACING: INTREPID DOCTOR DISCOVERS STRONG OPPOSITION TO BREEDERS' CUP NO-HOPER

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Livingston finds natives unfriendly

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT AT WOODBINE, TORONTO

-DR LIVINGSTONE, I presume." The words unered by the American journalist more than a century ago were equally appropriate here yesterday as Dr Jim Livingston. an unknown and outrageous veterinarian from the outposts of New Mexico, finally reached Toronto after a fiveday journey in a van and Hell, it's been that way a lot of my life."

trailer he bought last week. As with the famous explorer, there was no mistaking this doctor, whose open-necked shirt, soiled jeans and worn cowboy boots immediately identified him as the renegade

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of the Breeders' Cup.
Livingston, 66, has brought to the \$11 million raceday a 150-1 no-hoper in the shape of Ricks Natural Star, a sevenyear-old gelding with total earnings of \$6,092. He has mortgaged his veterinary clinic to meet entry fees of \$40,000. And he has been made most unwelcome.

It seems there is no place for the underdog at the Breeders' Cup, where the serious business of winning affords no room for romance. In truth, an hour in Livingston's company is enough to validate some of

the committee's concerns. Despite Livingston's insis-tence that Ricks Natural Star looks like a \$1 million animal", the horse cost him \$3.000, looks expensive at the price and has hooves most steeplechasers would envy. More worryingly, he looks anything but lit enough to contest a claimer - never mind the \$2 million Turf on

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(£2,327: 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

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2.20 KITSONS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

Nevertheless, Livingston, despite a two-day delay at the US-Canadian border, is bent on taking his chance. They have been telling me there's no point pitching my horse against those worth \$2 million but I say he might win. What happens then? Being laughed at has never bothered me.

It is not hard to understand why. Only recently, Living-ston travelled to Hong Kong, small packets of home-produced fertiliser strung around his neck, to sell his product to Chinese businessmen. *It

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ZAIMA (2.30 Yarmouth) Next best: Courtship (4.30 Yarmouth)

makes plants grow twice as fast but they weren't interested," he explained.

At his veterinary practice in Artesia, New Mexico, he says he treats everything from parakeets to leukaemia-infested cats. "When I was five, I lost my thumb in a lawn mower accident but I tell the kids I was clipping an elephant's toenails when he stood on my hand."

Other products Livingston claims to have manufactured include a potion to slow down the ageing process and a vaccine which combats navioular disease, a degenerative

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

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Jackpot: not won (pool of £28,643.68 carned forward to Newcastle today).
Placepot: £731.30. Cuadpot: £218.40.

Going: good to firm 2.20 (2m 11 hole) 1, Regal Pursuit (M A Fitzgerald, 7-2), 2, Waterel (5-6 fav), 3, Dockends Courrer (14-11 f1 fan 101, 17 N Henderson Tote: ©3 90, £1.20 £1.70, £3.80, DF £2.80 Trio £38.00, CSF £6.58.

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condition of the horse's hoof for which no established cure is known.

It was a parcel of this substance that landed him in trouble with the border police. They asked me how it worked and I replied: "Who gives a damn — as long as it does." It cured Ricks Natural Star, who had navicular in all four feet when I got him."

Whether Ricks Natural Star can hold his place for the first furlong in the star-studded Turf field is debatable. But Livingston is adament "I have got a good girl to ride him and she already has her intructions," he said. "I told her to go out in front and widen her lead."

He admits that the obligatory pre-race veterinary inspection may prove a problem. And his willingness to leg up anyone who wants a photograph of themselves aboard Ricks Natural Star even extended to members of the British Press.

Clowning aside, there are implications for the credibility of the Breeders' Cup. Ricks Natural Star has not run for 15 months and Livingston has only held a trainer's licence for two weeks.

For all that, the thirilydisguised hostility of the authorities is misplaced. Far better to have embraced him and hoped his horse completed the course before waving him goodbye.

Whatever the outcome, the folk of New Mexico will never hear the end of it once Livingston returns home.

3.20 KITSONS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,707: 2m 3f) (11)

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAMERS: M Pipe, 72 minutes from 201 numbers, 27.6%; G Edwards, 9 from 45, 20.0%; P Hobbes, 20 from 116, 17.2%; D Burchell, S from 16, 18 7%; Mirs J Reiter, 10 from 76, 13.2%; B R Millrown, 5 from 30, 12.6%.

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JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 15 winners from 77 rides, 19 5%; P Holisey, 11 from 60, 18 2%, M A Figsperid. 16 from 96, 16 7%; N Williamson, 5 from 40, 12 5%. J Frost, 13 from 120, 10.6%. Only qualifiers.

BI.HINEPIED FIRST TIME: Switch: 230 Against The Clock: 4.20 General Moulder: Newcastlet 3.40 Arry Leigh, Our Albert, Castleree Lad. 4.10 Reflers: 5.10 Destwills Dencer Yestmouth: 4.30 Buston Furk.

3, Brindley House (14-1), 12 ran. 314, 51 Miss H Knight Tota: \$4.90, £1.90, £2.60, £8.30 DF: £29.00, Tric: £188.00, £35. £31.67 Tricast: £365.49.

3.20 (2m 4t hdls) 1, Feerley Flyer (R Durwoody, 9-4); 2 Credit Controller (9-1); 3, Tibbs Inn (33-1) Wristing Buck 2-1 (av. 7 ran NR Doc's Coak, Ray River 11); nl. W Turner Tote 12 80° 51.60, 52 10 OF. 57 70 Tate \$109.90 CSF 220 12, Tincast \$470.19

24/019
3.50 (2m 5i chi 1, Zaembazi Spirit (0 Byone, 11-4 (i-bay), 2, Mine's An Acs (4-1); 3, Black Church (11-4 (i-bay), 6 ran MR Pats Mineter, 111, 44 Mrs M Jones Toter 54, 50; 52, 10, 52, 10, 57, 58, 20 CSF-\$13, 10

Placepor: £74.50, Quadpot: £7,60.

2.10 (2m hdie) 1, Doctor Green (A P McCoy, 4-6 lay), 2, halen Tua (7-1); 3, Hal Hoo Yaroom (5-2) 11 ran, 91, 31-1 M Proc Tote: 21, 70, 21 10, 23, 30, 21, 10, DF 25, 90, Tno 26, 20, CSF 26, 51

2.40 (2m hofe) 1, Indian Jockey (A P McCoy, 1-7 lav), 2, Highly Charming (6-1); 3 The Desconess (50-1) 6 ran Sh hd, 191 M Pipe. Tote. £1.10; £1.00. £2.20 DF-£1.70. CSF £1.60.

C1 70. Cas Ft 10yd ch) 1. Prerogative IAP McCoy, 15-8). 2, Ette Governor (4-1), 3. Larks 1sti (20-1), Icantelya 7-4 tav 6 can 12, 27. Howe Tote: 52.20: £1.20, £2.30 OF £4.60 CSF £9.35.

3.40 (2m 3i hole) 1 Culmin (A Thomson 9-4); 2, Roce Chime (15-8 lav); 3, Knov Royale (3-1) 5 ran 8i, 8i T Caldwell Tota 53.40; £1 40, £1.20, DF £2.40 CSF £5 95.

4.10 (3m 2f ch) 1, Evengelica (A P McCoy. 13-8 (av): 2, Time Enough (9-4): 3, Cellic Silver (7-4), 3 ran 11, 4f M Pipe Tote 12.00 DF 12.30, CSP 04.63

4.40 (2m hdie) 1, Hamilton Silv (J Osborns, 5-6 fav), 2, Kalzan (3-1), Only two Inshed 3 ran 6, M Pipe Tota £1.70 DF: £2.60 CSF £3.38

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Quadpot: £8:30-

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(£2,972: 2m 1f 110yd) (5)

13-0 DOMMICH'S DREAM 21 (V.S.C.S.) M Pipe 4-12-0 G Simple (7)
2 G-32 REUR DE TAL 11 (C.F.G.) W G M Turker 5-11-10 J Power (7)
3 432- HARDSON 170 (S) 8 Millimm 4-10-12 Simple (S)
332- TALGA E R-VER 6 (B.D.F.G.) R Holipus 6-10-10 T Dimecombe (S)
3323- L'ITTLE HOOLIGAN 7 (B.C.F.) G Edwards 5-10-10 T Dimecombe (S)
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3324- TALGA RIVE CHARGE (T.F.) A River (T.O.) B D Burchell
13-2 REGARD TALGA RIVE CHARGE (T.G.) M HIII 5-10-0. IN WIRESOND (S)
004- RELATIVE CHARGE (T.G.) M HIII 5-10-0. IN WIRESOND (S)
016- ALLAHRANGTA 186 (C.C.) M HIII 5-10-0. IN WIRESOND (S)
017- SNOW BOARD 14 (F) Mgs M Janua 7-10-0. IN Dilly Indiana. 7-10



Mark Of Esteem, Britain's big hope for the Mile, arrives safely at Woodbine

POTEEN was the subject of a hefty gamble yesterday for the £75,000-added Racing the £75,000-added Racing only 9.2. Post Trophy - even though his trainer, Luca Cumani, is searching for a jockey.

The cott's price was cut five points to 5-1 by Ladbrokes for the last group one race of the season at Doncaster on

Coral also reports strong support, reducing him to 9-2 (from 8-1) and the Tote go 11-2 (from 10-1). William Hill, who had been much shorter, at 11-2, when opening a book on

Ladbrokes spokesman, lan Wassell, said: "Poteen has really caught the imagination of our customers. People have been prepared to take every price we've offered from 10-1 down to his present

make amends for the defeat of his stable companion, Mons, who was beaten favourite in the Doncaster event 12 months ago.

Breeders' Cup on Saturday, leaving Cumani in a quandary over riding arrangements. Oscar Urbina is a regular rider for Cumani, but he has been pencilled in to ride at Newbury, where his mounts include Mons in the St Si-

trimmed the colt's price to 6-1 (from 8-1).

Poteen all the rage for Trophy

But many of the leading jockeys are taking part in the

mon Stakes. Coral had offered the biggest price about Asas, one of two Godolphin challengers for the Doncaster test, and

NEWCASTLE

1.40 Barato. 2.10 Society Rose, 2.40 Rihen, 3.10 Kevasingo, 3.40 Castleres Lad. 4.10 Drummer Hicks. 4.40 Saint Express. 5.10 BRAMBLES WAY (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.40 COOPERS & LYBRAND HANDICAP (Div t. £2,762: 6f) (20 runners)

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2.10 ALMWICK MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies £3,388: 7f) (9)

| 201 (2) | 0 | DOMINO STYE 46 M Cartesian 8-11 | L Chamotic | 202 (8) | 0 | DOLLACCIA 15 G Moore 8-11 | J F Egen | 203 (2) | 0 | DEPLAM 58 M Johnson 8-11 | J Williams 84 | 204 (9) | MELDOC SOLIGH M Setby 6-11 | G Milliams 84 | 205 (7) | 00 | MARRAY GREY 17 E Weyeres 8-11 | G Milliams 77 | 206 (8) | 0 | PATRITA PARK 18 M Holph 8-11 | R Lougho 75 | 207 (9) | 44 | SARTA ROSA 15 (8P) J Duntop 8-11 | J Fortions 89 | 207 (9) | 45 | SARTA ROSA 15 (8P) J Duntop 8-11 | K Felton 89 | 40 | WHITL POOL M Correcto 8-11 | M Beck 9-11 | M Beck 9-12 | M Beck 9-13 | M Beck 9-14 | M Beck 9-14 | M Beck 9-15 | M Beck 9-15 | M Beck 9-16 | M Beck 6-4 Society Resz, 11-4 Sarte Rosa, 4-1 Montae, 10-1 Gollassan, 12-1 ettess.

\$2.10, \$2.10 DF; \$8.20 CSF* \$13.10
4.20 (2m 4f hotie) 1, Steephine (R
Dunwoody, 7-1); 2, Supreme Star (B-4 flay); 3, Wanstead (B-4 f-law), 8 mar 3, 111
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DF; £17.30, CSF* £22 49
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3.10 BEDLINGTON CLARNING HANDICAP (£2,983: 1m) (20)

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COURSE SPECIALISTS THARERS: J Bradley, 3 wears from 6 worses, 50 OK; P Harts, 4 learn 9, 44-75° J Ourier, 13 team 43, 30-25; J Gover, 3 from 10, 30 8%, 64 Bell, 12 from 47, 25-55; M Storin, 13 team 59, 22 OK. JDCREVS: S Downe, 4 from 13, 30.8%; G Dullield, 17 from 97, 17.5%, J Carroll, 21 from 147, 14.3%, R Lappin, 3 from 22, 13.6%, D R McCabe, 2 from 33, 180, 23, 13.6%, D R McCabe, 2 from 29, 10.7%, K Fallon, 16 from 151, 10.6%,

3.40 COOPERS & LYBRAND HANDICAP (Div II: £2,762; 61) (20)

501 (5) 0460 SADOLEHONE 2 (C.O.BF.F.G.S) T 8 mm 7-9-11 J Carrel 95 302 (19) 3803 HERE COMES A STAR 6 (D.F.S.) J Carr 8-9-18 A Cultons 503 (2) 5000 HALMANERROR 11 (D.F.G.S) Mrs. J Parmoton 6-9-10 584 (16) (558 CASTLEREA LAD 11 (V,CD,F,C) R Hollowhood 7-0-10 586 (29) 2810 DON PEPE 18 (D.F.G); R Bass 5-9-7 ... A Daily (5) 91 565 (7) 0000 CAMERS YAMGOUS 4 (V.D.G.S); M.Jahosian 5-9-6

4.10 CALDER PRINT HANDICAP (DW I: \$2,563: 1m 2i 32yd) (20)

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S-I Saddishows, 6-I Here Cones A Sim, Don Pape, 7-I Gaser Yangers. 8-I Captern Ltd. Vo New Way, 10-I others

4.40 ASHINGTON FLANDICAP (£3,794: 5f) (18) 18 0000 STYLISH WAYS 11 (8,5) Mes S Hall 4-9-11 . M Birch 92 199 2990 ZBGY'S DANCER 4 (D.F.G) E Alstes 5-9-11 . K Fallon 97 (9) 4840 TAICHLID 75 (F.5) D Chapman 5-9-9 . 6 Duffield 4 (12) 9000 SARIT EXPRESS 11 (8,0) F.G Ms Render 6-9-8 A Custome 5-9-1 . Served 98 (15) 0580 TANADOU 4 (CD.F.G.S) Miss. 1. Soliati 5-4-9. J. Carroll (1) 0021 STUFFED 2 (U.F.G) M W Emistry 4-8-8 (Yor) 6 Parish (S) (C) 0200 INSEDER TRACER 4 (D.B.F.F.G) Mrs. 1 Remoter 5-9-7 6 Faultion (S) 9 (7) 1500 PRECIDUS GRIL 4 (D.F.G.S.) D Molata 3-9-5 D Micheyev 96
10 µ0 3223 PREPICH GRIT 2 (D.F. M. Dock 4-9-3 ... C Tongue (3) 95
11 [13] SSG3 MEDDLE EAST 16 (D.F.) T Storm 3-9-6 ... J Fortum 81
12 [6] 4850 JUCEA 2 (D.F.G.) J Spourag 7-9-11 S Grates 89
13 [16] 3160 PRYST 1580 15 (V.F.) J Benry 3-9-70 G Carles 89
14 [8] 4089 SHADOW JURY 14 (B.D.F.G.S.) D Chapman 6-9-3
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15 (6) 07/80 ABLE SHERFF 4 (B.D.F) N W Eastein 4-8-3... J Committee 11 (10 F.G.S) D Homes: 5-5-6 JF Egon 17 (17) 0000 PLUM FIRST 29 (0.F,6.5) J Epre 6-7-13 ... T Williams 18 (11) 2000 SIX FOR LUCK 24 (0.F) D Notan 4-7-11 ... N Variey (1) 4-1 Stelled, 5-1 Gone Strage, 6-1 Insider Trader, 7-1 French Gell, 8-1 Sand Express, 12-1 Ziggy's Dancer, Model East, 14-1 others

5.10 CALDER PRINT HANDICAP (Div II: £2,563: 1m 2l 32yd) (20)

1 (18) (1886 EXPLOSINE POWER 14 (0,6) 6 Ravery 5-9-10 (3) -000 OTTANO PARMENES 21 (0.6) A Hote 44-18 G Carter (5) 1330 SHEP HIGH 22 (0.7) Prioring 4-3-7 K Talon (5) (6) 0000 ELPOOS 32 (6.6) M Hormood 4-3-6 K Talon (6) 0000 ELPOOS 32 (6.6) M Hormood 4-3-6 K Talon (6) 0000 BRANIBLES 1001 Z 5 (0.7) Mrs M Reveloy 7-9-6 5 (13) (1851 BRANDLES WAY 25 (0.17) Mes M Revolty 7-9-6
5 (22) 1-05 RODD WISSIC 75 (6F.F.G.) M Mounter 5-9-5 F Norton 95
7 (17) 5-16 CUBAN REEF 11 (0.1-5) W Mounter 5-9-5 F Norton 95
8 (26) 0020 MY MILLE 16 D Sarke 3-9-2 ... D McKeown 98
9 (19) 0-80 DEADWICH 144 Met 15 Cold 4-9-8 J Cample 10 RM 9-60 DEADWICH 72 (8) D Nortolls 4-9-0 J Cample 10 RM 9-60 DEADWICH 72 (8) D Nortolls 4-9-0 DEADWICH 75 (8) D Nortolls 4-9-0 DEADWICH

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11 (3) 2500 PRINCELY AFFANI 21 (0.F) M But 3-0-13 R Maken (7) 05

12 175, 0800 HMSETA 12 (C.D.F.S.) J Water 10-4-13 R Maken (7) 05

13 172 0890 DUR 100M 18 (9.6) J Water 10-4-11 N Variey (3) 85

14 (4) 5500 HEVER GOLF FAGLE 21 T Raughten 3-9-9 J Fortuna 86

15 (10 0350 BULD 10P 16 (8) B Rothwell 4-8-9. P Roberts (5) 84

16 (7) 0010 HTMAAM 18 (6) Mrs A Santosani 4-8-6. I J Curran 90

17 (1) 0-84 PEPP 0 DAY 30 (7) J Fire 5-8-6 R Lappin 90

18 (5) 0620 CANSUMY 8 Mss. I Sadal 4-8-6 R Carloss 93

19 (6) 0080 ZARRAM 59 (7-6) J Brasiley 5-8-5 S Dromm 88

20 (11) 4604 TOLEPA 24 J J Dileid 3-8-4 S Dromm 88

21 (11) 4604 TOLEPA 24 J J Dileid 3-8-4 S Procedure After (1-1) 3-1 Bombles Way, 5-1 Super High, 6-1 Colon Reet, 8-1 Procesy Affair, 10-1 Astanton, 12-1 Explicite Power, 14-1 offices

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GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CDUSE, F.G.S) (Mrs. D Roberson) 8 Hall 9-10-0 8 West (4) 86 Racecard sumber Draw in backets. Sis-ligure form (F — left. P — pulled up U — usselled index. B — brought down. S — stephed up R — reflected. D — dicqualdier() Horse's name Duys cince lest owney. J il jumps. F if Nat. (B — binters Y — visor H — bond E — Eyeshald C — course winner. B — distance winner CD course and destance worse SF—basian barourity in bless races. Soing on which hoise has with (F—birm, good to form, haid. G—good. S—soil, good to soil, heavy) Owner in brackets. Trainer Age and weight Rider plus any altowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

DRAW: 6F-1M. HIGH NUMBERS BEST

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM 2.00 RUNHAM MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,894: 1m 3yd) (8 runners) | 53 | 352408 | RUSYAL ACTYON 14 (E Carter) 3 Banies 9-0 | 1 | 3-3 | CATUMBELLA 188 (Mss 5 Taylos) 3 Goston 6-9 | 1 | 4 | MEDFEE 23 (8F) (N. Abdulga F Charifon 8-9 | 169 | 00 | QUESTING STAR 13 (A Oppenherma) 6 Waggo 8

BETTING: 7-4 Catumbella, 4-1 Yukan Hope, 9-2 Medies, 11-2 Rash Siti, 13-2 Two To Tango, 12-1 others 1995. MELIWEST 9-0 R Hills (7-2) H Themson Jones 11 can

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RDYAL ACTION 3/4) 4th of 8 to Yinch in maiden at Yammatth / Im. 3/4, good to 5mm; CATURGELIA 2/4) 3/4 of 15 to Union 16/4 in maiden at Byoon (1/4, good to firm). MEDIFE: short-head and 10/4 3/4 of 10 to Pratemak in maiden at Bath / 1m. 21. good to solit; RASN GIFT 5/4 and neck 2/4 of 13 to ... Good to solit; RASN GIFT 5/4 and neck 2/4 of 13 to ... Saleston. **UNDM** HOPE

2.30 BILLOCKBY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,993: 1m 3yd) (10 runners)

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024 SOCIAL PELLAR 20 (K Andalita J Gooden 9-4
034 Mar PDT 21 (V) (Chareley Part Study M Stoute 9-12
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056 LIMDRYS LAD 40 (Electronic Publicationa) J Juniore 8-10 , R Hills (9) 004621 TIME CAN TELL 14 (D.S.) (D Croft) C Muray 9-7 (9) 002040 FAMEY A FORTUME 9 (V.BF) (Forume In Mind) J Pearce 8-5 (7) 042013 RISH RETINOU 21 (C.F) (Cambol Rating) D Corprove 8-3 (10) BERT 27 (R Humbra) P Walleyn 7-13. SETTING: 5-2 Social Piller, 7-2 Polar Paget, 4-1 Zerria, 5-1 Ink. Pot, 8-1 Time Can Tell, 12-1 Insh Flotion, 14-1 Fancy & Forbure, 18-1 others.

1995; MOSEY NATIVE 8-13 G Bardwell (20-1) J Pearce 19 ran

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1 (18) 250800 SPANSH STRIPPER 15 (7) (1 Satchell) M Crapman 5-0-10 A McGlone 93 (14) 004010 EL BARDADOR 13 (R.C.P.) (Soothel Hist.) W Jarvis 3-0-9 M Hist. 89 (15) 000450 PETOSION 3 (R.C.P.) (Soothel Hist.) W Jarvis 3-0-9 G Hist. 90 (15) 000450 PETOSION 4 (B) (6 Lowe) J Pearce 4-0-8 M Hist. 89 (15) 000450 PETOSION 4 (B) (6 Lowe) J Pearce 4-0-8 M Hist. 89 (15) 000450 PETOSION 4 (B) (6 Lowe) J Pearce 4-0-8 M Hist. 80 (15) 000500 PETOSION 4 (B) (6 Lowe) J Pearce 4-0-8 M Hist. 80 (15) 000500 PETOSION 4 (B) (6 Lowe) J Pearce 4-0-0 G Bardwell 94 (10) 000000 DALLIMORK 20 (4 Pearce) J Pearce 4-0-0 G Bardwell 94 (10) 000000 DALLIMORK 20 (4 Pearce) J Pearce 4-0-0 G Bardwell 94 (10) 000000 MEDIA EXPREY 13 (D.F.G) (Alex S Marks) P Bargona 7-0-12 P McCaba (S) 96 (19) 000000 MEDIA EXPREY 13 (D.F.G) (Alex S Marks) P Bargona 7-0-12 P McCaba (S) 98 (19) 000000 MEDIA EXPRESS 30 (6,5) (Alex S Marks) P Bargona 7-0-12 N Darley 93 (3) 000000 MEDIA EXPRESS 30 (6,5) (Alex S Marks) P Bargona 7-0-12 J Stack 91 (13) 000000 MEDIA EXPRESS 30 (6,5) (Alex S Marks) P Bargona 7-0-12 N Roberts 92 (5) B-00520 MAINTE CALSANG (Parc Marce Bournas) R Williams 3-0-11 T Gorace 22 (5) B-00520 MAINTE CALSANG (Parc Marce Bournas) R Williams 3-0-11 T Gorace 22 (5) B-00520 MAINTE CALSANG (Parc Marce Bournas) R Williams 3-0-11 T Gorace 22 (5) MAINTE CALSANG (Parc Marce Bournas) R Williams 3-0-11 T Gorace 22 (5) MAINTE CALSANG (Parc Marce Bournas) R Williams 3-0-11 T Gorace 22 (6) Marce Dornas (Parc Marce Bournas) R Williams 3-0-11 T Gorace 22 (6) Marce Dornas (Parc Marce Bournas) R Williams 3-0-11 T Gorace 22 (6) Marce Dornas (Parc Marce Bournas) R Williams 3-0-11 T Gorace 22 (6) Marce Dornas (Parc Marce Bournas) R Williams 3-0-11 T Gorace 22 (6) Marce Dornas (Parc Marce Bournas) R Williams 3-0-11 T Gorace 22 (6) Marce Dornas (Parc Marce Bournas) R Williams 3-0-11 T Gorace 22 (6) Marce Dornas (Parc Marce Bournas) R Williams 3-0-11 T Gorace 22 (6) Marce Dornas (Parc Marce Bournas (Parc Marce Bournas (Parc Marce Bournas (Par

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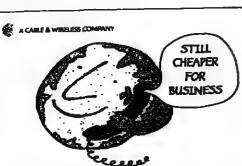
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Rusedski's firepower **overcomes Spaniard**

GREG RUSEDSKI, Great Britain's No 2 tennis player, produced one of his best performances of the year in beating Carlos Moya, of Spain, 6-3, 6-4 in the first round of the Eurocard Open in Stuttgart yesterday.

Rusedski proved too powerful, and his serving too strong. for the world No 24 from Barcelona. He next meets Boris Becker, of Germany, the three-times Wimbledon champion, in the second round.

Tim Henman, the British No I, was beaten 6-4, 6-2 by Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, in the first round on Monday night — the day that his world ranking rose from No 26 to

Barrichello signs

Motor racing: Jackie Stewart has signed Rubens Barrichello, of Brazīl, as his No l driver on a three-year deal for the Stewart-Ford team, which makes its Formula One debut next year. Barrichello, 24, finished eighth world drivers' championship this season the Jordan-Peugeot

"We've seen his talent, perhaps as few others have. because we competed against him in both Formula Three and Formula 3000. He's got Stewart said. Barrichello will partner Jan Magnussen, of Denmark.

Indurain lure

Cycling: Miguel Indurain, 32, of Spain, is reported to have been offered \$10 million (about £6.5 million) by his Spanish ONCE team to make another attempt to win a record sixth Tour de France

Axel Merckx. 24, the son of Eddy Merckx, the great Belgian rider, has signed a twoyear contract with the Italian team. Polti.

Scots showdown

Hockey: Scotland must beat South Africa, their group leaders, this morning to progress to the semi-finals of the women's World Cup in Port of Spain, Trinidad, after being held to a goalless draw

Big Top gives Fulham a little lift

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

n an afternoon of carefully contrived incongruity yesterday, Fulham's footballers attended a training session at Zippo's Circus, which is setting the world alight at Eel Brook Common on the New King's Road. They did some tumbles with the Mongolian Warriors. They played a game of five-a-side in which Tweedy, a gentleman with 2ft-long boots and a red nose, was the undoubted star. They made a lot of jokes, though only to

Micky Adams, the Fulham manager, said: "We're always open to new ideas for training and keeping up morale. Jumping to head the ball is a precise skill and the circus acrobats can jump from the ground as high as anything I've seen. They [the players] have really been looking forward to this training session and I think they are quite keen to prove they're fitter than the

Nick Barltrop, the executive manager of Zippo's, summed it up more succinctly. "It is," he said, "a cultural exchange." The phrase "photo-opportunity" also came to mind, for this was a smart piece of symbiotic self-publicising for two small and rather under-publicised concerns, and joily good luck to them both.

When strange juxtaposi-tions such as this take place before your eyes, it is always impossible to concentrate on the incongruities. The similarities between these two worlds in brief collision were far more obvious - and far more

intriguing.
True, the Mongolians --real Mongolians, I was assured, from the Mongolian State Circus no less - were pretty amazing, the big chaps throwing the smaller chaps



high towards the roof of the Big Top, where they turned lazy somersaults before descending with nonchalant accuracy into the arms of their colleagues. But you will see far greater wonders on your television on Saturday night.

And, for that matter, the Fulham boys, when they de-cided to play keep-ball in the knockabout five a side, were impressively skilful and aware. You will, though, see much better than them on Saturday night, too, and again

on Sunday afternoon. Fulham are, after all, strictly third division, even if they are

leading it at present.
But the small-scale nature of both Brighton v Fulham on Saturday, and the week-long excitements at Zippo's, touches something deep. Deep because they are small. These are little entertainments: community affairs. They are not the best. They are here. They are, for a week or for a lifetime, ours.

To sit at the ringside and watch the stratospherically rotating warriors is a quite different matter from seeing

There is, too, a slight sense small-scale, the fourth-rate.

some quotidian televised wonder, just as following Fulham from close up is a different experience, qualitatively, from following Manchester United from afar.

of unease about both concerns. Both Fulham and Zippo's are unsure as to whether or not they are catering to a dying taste: a taste for the local, the Both are offering intimacy.

proximity, involvement. It is hard to know whether this is something that we are losing or, on the contrary, something that, in reaction to the weekly televised splendours, we are on the brink of regaining.

Certainly, the players and the acrobats recognised something in common. Mainly, this was a shared physical competence. A number of players discovered almost at once that they could balance on a pair of steady Mongolian shoulders. The nerve, the physical organisation, is a natural and a professional part of all ancerned.

All make their living by performing difficult, demand-ing and often physically dam-aging tasks. Both operate in the sphere of risk - the physical risk of injury and the spiritual risk of making fools of themselves before an audience. And, for that matter, an audience that they constantly wish was larger.

Perhaps they are wrong to do so. By selling yourself to non-traditional audiences, you

They have gone mad with the notion of entertaining, of pleasing a crowd'

can increase your audience and your revenue - and mislay your soul. Too much of the FA Carling Premiership has become a circus, with its big names and its fancy foreigners, and the loss, by too

footballing purpose. Rugby union has gone the same way, with endiess tries scored by endless imports from abroad and from rugby league. They have gone mad with the notion of entertaining, of pleasing a crowd. If a crowd is not entertained by a serious afternoon of competition, then it is not worth

There was something profound and delightful in this cultural exchange. There was feeling that the boys of Fulham and of Mongolia understand things about perfor-mance and, especially, understand things about their audience that gobody we shall see on television over the weekend will ever quite

pleasing.

RADIO CHOICE

Out, out, brief. candle

Slaves No More. Radio 4, 7.45pm.

Forty years ago to the day, the flame of Soviet power in Hungary was extinguished by a brave act of anti-Communist insurrection. As we know, all that changed a couple of weeks later when 2,000 Soviet tanks rolled into the country. Six years ago, freedom returned to Hungary and, in Slaves No More, the novelist Tibor Fischer painstakingly investigates the nature of post-Communist Hungary and the prospects for further change now that many of the country's old Communists have changed their clothes to parade as new Socialists. I am certain that the knotty complexities of Hungarian collider might been been too difficult to present if Eispharth interest. politics might have been too difficult to unravel if Fischer's interviews with Hungarians had been without such an excellent command of the English language.

Evening Concert. Classic FM, 8.00pm.

We all know of symphonies and concertos which, though memorable We all know of symphotics and concern a particular movement, even as a whole, are especially cherished for a particular movement, even a particular passage. The largo from Dvorák's New World is a classic example. So is the adagient from the Mahler No 5. And so is the fourth movement canon of Franck's Sonata for Violin and Piano which is played during tonight's concert by Gil Shaham and Gerhard Oppitz. This is one of the best-known rounds in musical interest of the passage of the pa history. Lower your sights a bit and there's Frère Jacques and Row, row, row your boat.

RADIO 1

6.30am Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa l'Anson 2.00pm Nicky Campbel 4.00 Mark Gooder 7.00 Evening Session, with Jo Whiley and Stave Larracq 9.00 Bits from Last Week's Radio 10.00 Mark Radditie, iwe from Manchester 12.00 Claire Sturgess, includes at 12.15am The Net 4.00 Clive Warren, with the Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 2

6.00cm Martin Kelner 7.30 Serah Kermedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Kate Adie 1.30parz Debbte Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Durin 7.00 Jim Lloyd 8.00 Cajun Caubhouse (2/4) 8.30 Young Tradition Showcase 96 9.00 Macgregor's Banks and Brase 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12 65cm Adrian Friedran includes at 12.05em Adrian Finighan, includes at 1.30 Pause for Thought 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morring Reports, Incl. at 5.48 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, Incl. at 6.55, 7.86 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine with Brian Hayes 12.00 Midday with Mair, Incl. at 12.35pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, Incl. at 7.20 Sporte Builetin 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football Night. Festuring commentary on Leads United v Aston. Vita, Plus news of Charlton v Liverpool, Manchester United v Swindon and the Scotont servi-final between Hearts and Scottan semi-final between Health and Dundee 10.05 The Beker Line 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am After Hours, with John Diamond 2.05 Up All Night

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6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horns 7.00 Paut Coyle (PM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Randal Lee Rom

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16); Vaughan Williams (Serenade to Music) 4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Liverpool Cathedral. Includes Introit (Cantate Domino): Monteverol (Responses); Shephard (Psalms 114 and

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5.15 In Tune with Andrew Green. Includes Mozart (Six Veriations on Mio caro Adone, K180); Bach (Prelude and Fugue in B flat minor, Well Tempered Clavier, Bk 1); Glazunov (Viofin Concerto in

7.30 Bruckner season: A Grand, Mysterious Harmony. Stephen Johnson explores the symphonic legacy of Anton Bruchner with Paul Banks, Beyan Northcott, Otto Bibs and Herbert Vogg. The Jacek Kespszyk performs the

Wagner Symphony
9.00 Nearts and Alleda.
According to Michael Rosen no other state so comprehensively overturned the world of children's Sensture and education as did the Nazis during their 12-

year reign 9.25 Marin Ensemble. Conductor Martyn Brabbin, Webern (Concerto for Nine Instruments); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D) (r) 10.00 Voices. In conversation with

lain Burnside, Kit and the Widow choose an outlandish blend of humour and high camp in their favourite songs 10.45 Night Waves. Jamaica Kincaid left school at 16

without formal qualifications yet became an acclaimed reporter for the New Yorkar and a respected Caribbean novelist. She talks to Harmoine Lee about her life and writers.

and writing
11.30 Composer of the Westc.
Franct. Richard Langham
Smith talks to the planist
Stephen Hough about his
approach to Franck's music

12.30am Jazz Notes, Includes work by the Basie Band and Duke Ellington's Orchestra 1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

6.30 The Labour Exchange. Rory McGrath chairs the panel

and Stephen Frost (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face The Facts, John Waite
and his team of investigators
follow up listeners: complaints
7.45 Staves No More, See Choice
8.30 The Power Of Peckham.
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Experiment — a bold and controversial health project (1/2)

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10.45 Booker At Bedtime. An extract from Reading in The Dark. by Seamus Deans
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WORD-WATCHING

Tweedy, of the big feet, puts his juggling skills on display

(c) Or the Dog of Montargis. Aubry of Montdidier was murdered in 1371 in the forest of Bondy. His dog Dragon excited suspicion of Richard of Macaire by always snarling and flying at his throat whenever he appeared. Richard, condemned to a judicial combat with the dog, was killed, and, in his dying moments, confessed the crime.

(a) The Greek name for an inflammable, bituminous substance coming from the ground in certain districts. In the Medea legend it is the name of the drug used by the witch for anointing the wedding robe of Glauce, daughter of King Creon, whereby she was burnt to death on the morning of her marriage with

(c) Or Arthegal, Sir. The hero of book V of Spenser's Faerie Queene, the lover of Britomart, to whom he was made known by

means of a magic mirror. He is emblematic of Justice, and in

many of his deeds, such as the rescue of Irena (Ireland) from Grantorto, is mirrored on Arthur, 14th Lord Grey de Wilton, who became lord deputy of Ireland in 1580 with Spenser as his

(b) Gaius Lusinus. A Roman Consul (d. ca. 270BC) and hero of the war against Pyrrhus. He was respresentative of incorruptibility and honesty. Roman writers tell of the frugal way in which he lived on his farm; how he refused the rich bribes offered him by the Samnite ambassadors; and how at death he

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9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with Peter Curran
10.00 News; To The Gentleman In the Black Vehral Walancam (PM). Lonel Keleway goes in search of Mr Mole
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time with Eric Robson (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Colvil and Sozanes, by Christopher Lee. Wah Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Redman (2/6) 12.55

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Taylor. With Jane Hazelgrove,
Keith Ladd, and Matthew Duncter 2.45 Treasure Islands. Michael Pressure Islands. Michael Rosen talks to Philip Pullman, winner of this year's Carnege Medal for Children's Literature News; The Arbertoon Shift, with Daira Brokers

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courses stop these days, I wonder? In my day (am i really old enough to begin a sentence like that?) a half was called at the end of 1945. Mushroom cloud, surrender, peace trea-ties, Nuremberg, finito — to all intents and examinations modern history stopped there. Which is my excuse for not being awfully good about things such as Suez. I can tell you there's a canal but a crisis?

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What crisis? Well now I know and thanks to last night's outstanding The Suez Crisis (BBC)) I temporarily know rather a lot. For a short time. I may even become something of a Suez bore, dropping the occasional poor Eden, mad as a hatter, you know" into dinner table conversation with a provocative "another 24 hours and we might still have an Empire". On the other hand . . . The style of Jeremy Bennett's elevision history was familiar. In

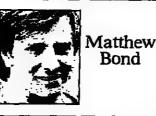
There do modern history courses stop these days, I anniversaries of the Somme and the ending of the Second World War marked in similar style - lots of archive film mixed in with as many first-hand accounts as war and the passing of peacetime allow. But even by the high standards set by the BBC last year, this was impressive stuff.

Of course, it is only 40 years since Suez, so assembling with es cannot have been as hard for Bennett as it was for his predecessors. But it wasn't the number that impressed (indeed at times it became slightly bewildering), it was the range. This was the Suez crisis as told not just by the British and French, but by the Americans, the Egyptians, the Israelis and by the current stars of modern documentaries, the Russians

Another sign of our television times was that there was no keeping the secret services off the screen. We met the KGB general who had organised Moscow body-guards for President Nasser; we met the CIA man whose job it was to monitor Eden's health and we met the former head of Israeli Intelligence, who confirmed that the price of Israel's co-operation had included nuclear technology from France. As far as I could see there was no one from M16 . . . but you never know, do you?

s Eden's miscalculation unravelled, Bennett made the startling revelation that both sides were taking drugs. Up until then I was under the firm impression that drugs, like sex. were invented in 1963, but not a bit of it. According to a nice woman from the American Embassy in Cairo (she described Nasser as "a dish") the Egyptians were all on speed - had to be - they were never available in the morning and caroused to all hours. This didn't strike me as altogether

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conclusive evidence, but there was no disputing what was going on at the British end.

"I did a bit of that myself," gurgled Lord Deedes, who had taken time off from The Daily Telegraph to become a pill-popping government minister under Eden, "You took barbiturates to calm yourself down and you took amphetamines to lift yourself up; and if you took both . . . " Apparentnarcotics was a bungled gall bladder operation. Deedes's was overwork. Hmm.

Bennett's main thrust was conventional - that Eden had made a terrible mistake and that Suez was therefore a bad thing. But he did not forget that for the military personnel involved it was the nearest they got to "a finest hour". True, Sir Christopher Hogg, now a successful City businessman, popped up to recall how his campaign almost ended when he was forced to jump into a Port Said sewage pond to avoid the "friendly fire" of a misguided French fighter plane. But for the most part they were allowed to recall their shortlived campaign with pride. After all, it was hardly their fault that, as a more senior bod put it, "the Prime Minister had gone stark,

On ITV it looked as though Network First had come up with a

market documentary - following a group of British women as they travelled to Poland for cut-price plastic surgery. But unfortunately that is about all the makers of Cut Price Package did — follow a group of women to Poland and point a camera at them. We didn't even get a decent set of "before" and "after" photographs.

for a start, there were too many women for us to keep track of - nine, if you included Alina, whose multi-faceted role of tour-guide, translator and part-time care assistant used up a lot of screen time. Of the eight "patients" I can recall about half: nice Debbie, who was having breast implants; karaoke Carol and her tacitum daughter Sharon. who were there for a facelift and liposuction: and sulky Samantha. who forgot to tell the surgeon that she was asthmatic and diabetic.

who had the best line of the night: "I could have had my house pebble-dashed but I'd rather have my face done." But not with ebble-dash, presumably. Almost inevitably, Lesley Joseph

was the narrator and almost inevitably much of her over-jaunty script was as painful as an epidermal scrub. "Debbie's not just looking for a new job. she's looking for new boobs - a sort of mammary makeover."

Sensibly, the makers kept the squeamish sequences of flapping nipples and peeled cheeks to a just about acceptable minimum, but the editor, at least, can take quiet pride in a job well done. Cutting from the surgeon's scalpel to somebody chopping meat in the kitchen is the stuff of cliche, I'm afraid, but cutting from the liposuction collecting jar to a bowl of mashed potato...that was inspired. Horrid, but inspired.

BECKE 6.00em BUSINESS BREAKFAST (Ceefax)

7.00 BREAKFAST NEWS (31323) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceelax) (5177120)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (s) (2079255) 9.45 KHLROY (s) (2809236) 10.30 WEAR IT WELL (s) (1568878) 10.45 THE STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT BY HER MAJESTY THE

QUEEN Live coverage from the Palace of Westminster as the Queen opens the new partiamentary session (s) (6849994) 12.00 NEWS and weather (Ceefax) (7022946) 12.05pm THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW

Consumer magazine (s) (8418694) 12.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (8) (53173364) 1.00 NEWS (Caefax) (34410) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS and weather

1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceelax) (9) (44985781) 2.00 SNOOKER: GRAND PRIX (8) (255491) 3.50 CHUCKLEVISION (r) (s) (7650471) 4.10 GET YOUR OWN BACK (6606859) 4,36 THE DEMON HEADMASTER

(2036192) 5.00 NEWSROUND (Ceefax) (2979255) 5.10 BLUE PETER (Ceelax) (a) (6075859) 5.35 NEIGHBOURS Romance is in the air for Mal and Deb (Ceelex) (s) (594588)

6.00 NEWS (Ceelax) and weather (588) 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (168)

7.00 SMALL TALK Cross-generational game show hosted by Ronnie Corbett (Caefax) (s) (5101) 7.30 HERE AND NOW First of a new series. Sue Lawley is joined by Sir Stanley Matthews. He captains the Here and Now

First XI in a "Match of the Grey" with legendary names from international soccer, who take on the Super Grannies from Cleveland. Commentary by Kenneth Wolstenholme (Ceefau) (s) (192) K.O. HOW DO THEY DO THAT? The start of a

new series, presented by Earnonn Holmes and Eather McVey reporting on superhuman feats, sporting triumphs and wildlife wonders (Ceefax) (s) (820033)

Robinson (Ceelax) (a) (951385) 9.00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather (Csefax) (4694)

9.30 BECK Drama series about a women who runs a missing persona agency based in London's King's Cross, in the first of a two-part story, Back is introduced to a man who has suffered empede. With Amanda Redman, Caroline Lonco and David Hunt (Teletext) (s) (692025)

10.25 SPORTSNIGHT Boxing. Henry Wharton delends his Commonwealth supermiddleweight title against Australian Rick Thornberry and the undefeated Joe Calzaghe takes on Liverpool's Paul Wright (397965)

12.05am FILM; Prisoner of War (1990) The true story of a 19-year-old US Marine branded a traitor after spending 14 years as a prisoner of the Vietcong. Starring Ralph Macchio and Martin Sheen. Directed by Georg Stanford Brown (212182)

1,45-1.80 WEATHER (2296366)

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BBC2 6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: CHILDREN, SCIENCE AND COMMON SENSE (7003304) 8.25 LEARNING TO LEARN

(7022439) 6.50 AFTER THE REVOLUTION (9680236) 7.15 SEE HEAR BREAKFAST NEWS (Ceelax and signing) (6840304)

7.30 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (4217385) 7.55 GROWING UP WILD 76762) 8.20 CHRISTOPHER CROCODILE (7209830) 8.25 MONTY

(2947830) 8.35 LASSIE (8733236) 9.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: ICI PARIS (5175762) 9.20 JAPAN COUNTRYWIDE SELECTION (2775101) 9.25 SEE YOU, SEE ME (5194897) 9.45 WORDS AND PIC-TURES (1428149) 10.00 PLAYDAYS (6857781) 10.25 FIREWORK SAFETY M591011 10.30 NUMBERTIME (1559120) 10.45 CATS' EYES (1554675 11.00 AROUND SCOTLAND (9232168)

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2.05 MONTY (81419217) 2.10 THE CHAMPIONS (4510897) 3.00 NEWS (Cestax) (5059830) 3.05 WESTMINSTER WITH MICK HOSS (55500675)

5.00 SNOOKER: GRAND PRIX (2014) 6.00 STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION 6.45 THEY WHO DARE (555410) 7.00 TESTAMENT (Cestax) (3743)

7.30 FROM THE EDGE (Certax) (s) (894) 8.00 DECISIVE WEAPONS: THE HARRIER (Certax) (s) (2401) 8.30 TWO FAT LADIES: (Certax) (s) (1526)



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9.00 MODERN TIMES (Contro) (s) (823633) NAKED CITY (Teletext) (s) (814149)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Caslax) (868217) 11,16 SUEZ (s) (506588) 11,35 UNSPEAKABLE VERSE (111694) 11.55 WEATHER (448410) 12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (92908)

12.30mm-6.00 THE LEARINING ZONE: O U: AN ENGLISH ACCENT (61540) 1.00 WAYS WITH WORDS (70289) 1.30 THE RIGHT COURSE FOR YOU? (19366) 2.00 ACCESS TO LEARNING— LANDMARKS (69927) 4.00 ENGLISH HERITAGE (60569) 4.30 MENTAL HEALTH MEDIA (84182) 5.00 HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK (37786) 5.30-6.00 THE ADVISER (93637)

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BBC2, 8,00pm At the start of the Falklands War you would not have bet on the Faitings war you would not have bet on the Harrier jump jet being one of the star performers. Even military experts were sceptical about the effectiveness of this ageing "flying bedstead" which had enjoyed a long life without ever having to fire a shot in anger. In the event the subsonic jet

a shot in anger. In the event the subsonic jet came up trumps, despite there being only 20 of them against an Argentine Air Force of more than 200 combat lighters. The British task force was successfully defended and not a single Harrier lost in dog-fights. To tell the story the film has assembled an array of witnesses, from the Harrier's chief designer. the late Dr John Fozard, to the pilots who flew it with such skill. Argentine pilots add their tribute, while Air Vice-Marshal Str Kenneth Hayr declares: "The Hacrier was the decisive weapon of the Faiklands."

Moving People Channel 4, 8.30pm

This is the last in the current series of carncorder stories but the formula is so good that Moving People will surely return. The series was originally based on the premise that moving house was a disorientating experience that would provide entertainment for those of us looking on. But the show has become less about the move as such than the human interest stories behind it. There is one happy tale tonight, and two sad. Widow Lucy, in her sixties, is moving home because she is getting married to widower George. For William, 15, there is a less welcome upheaval. His parents have split and he is going south to live with his mother. Most poignantly, Tay Devlin, who is dying of cancer, multiple sclerosis and liver failure. leaves Cornwall for Norfolk to spend his remaining time with the two daughters he abandoned in the 1960s.

Modern Times The Museum BBC2, 9.00pm

Susarma White's film covers 12 months in the life of the Victoria and Albert Museum, focusing partly on the exhibits but more on There is the woman at the information desk sense of humour and the ability to disbelieve anything that anybody tells you, especially if likens his place in the hierarchy to that in his own home, where he has to defer to his wife, his son and his dog. Rumbling along in the background is anxiety about the museum's financial plight and a debate on whether to ease it by introducing an admission charge. Redundancies also loom. No wonder the staff are twitchy. But compared with the turmoil at Covent Garden laid bare in The

Naked City: Banks and Yanks BBC2, 9.50pm

From the distinguished stable of Denys Blakeway, who masterminded the brillian Thatcher: The Downing Street Years, comes a four-part anatomy of the City of London. Essentially it is the story of the 1987 Big Bang which introduced Wall Street dynamism and the Thatcherite free market to institutions which had bumbled along for years in the cosy closed world of the gentleman amateur.

Overnight the languid public school types were replaced by brash young men with barrow-boy accents and salaries doubled and trebled. "The Yank culture won," one banker says, "because people are motivated by money and greed." It is a mark of the skill of Blakeway and his team that the series will be compelling even to those normally mystified by the workings of shares, bonds and futures. Peter Waymark

Decisive Weapons: The Harrier Jump Jet

6.00am GMTV (7176781) 9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (2054946) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (6834830) 10.00 THE TIME, THE PLACE (89472) **10.30 THIS MORNING** (27151694) 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7011830) 12.30 NEWS AND WEATHER (Telefext)

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3.30 TOTS TV CLASSICS (9224878) 3.40 THE PARKIES (6644507) 3.50 ASTRO FARM (9228694) 4.05 THE TWISTED TALES OF FELIX THE CAT (8396410) 4.20 FANTOMCAT (6620439) 4.46 IT'S A MYSTERY (8331584)

5.10 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (a) (8879236) 5.40 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (341269) 8.00 HOME AND AWAY (/) (Teletext) (s)

6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (741948) 7.00 SPORTSWEEK (6287)

7.30 CORONATION STREET Claire and Des owe Becky an explanation. Ken and Sue Jeffers are surprised to find they have company in their conference hotel (Telerext) (120)



Bill Murray stars (8pm)

8.00 FILM: Groundhog Day (1993) starring Bill Murray and Andle MacDowell, A hardbitten television weathermen is destined forever to relive the same day over and over again. He begins to see how he can turn the situation to his advantage and producer. Directed by Harold Ramie (Teletext) (8385) 10.00 NEWS (Taletext) and weather (94217)

10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (883149) 10.40 WEST MATCH PLUS Highlights of

tonight's Coca-Cola Cup third-round matches feeturing the region's clubs (851830) 11.40 HIGHLANDER MacLeod, Tess and Richie are taken hostage while on a visit to the court house (s) (634410)

1.10 GOD'S GIFT (6078960) 2.10 CYBER CAFE (9111811) 2.40 DEAR NICK (6066328) 3.40 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

12.40mm REAL STORIES OF THE HIGHWAY

4.15 SOUND BITES (46399908) 4.30 THE TIME, THE PLACE (r) (8) (88908) 5.00 DUTY FREE (r) (a) (57540) 5.30 NEWS (80183)

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2.00 FILM; Gentleman Jim (b/w, 1940) with Errol Flynn. Biopic of James J. Corbett, the 19th-century boxer. Directed by Reoul Walsh (4946)

4.00 FIFTEEN TO ONE (Teletaxt) (8) (149) 4.30 COUNTDOWN (Teletaxt) (753) 5.00 RICKI LAKE (Teletext) (2371439) 5.45 FILM: The Lord's Prayer (1995) with Peter Benson and Petra Markham. A religious woman feets her cricket-mad father needs both spiritual guidance and

a change of scene (317526) 6.00 PARTY OF FIVE (Telelext) (s) (938385) 6.50 FRESH POP (s) (712633) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (869101)

7.55 THE SLOT (119052) 8.00 BROOKSIDE Nat and Georgia are

stunned by reactions to their affair (Teletext) (s) (4859)



William's moving home (8.30pm)

MOVING PEOPLE Last in the series of video diaries on moving house (Teletext) (s) (8694)

9.00 ELLEN in the last of the series Audrey becomes obsessed with belonging to the extended "family" of Repture car owners (Telefext) (s) (7304)

9.30 THE LOVERS At last Geoffrey manages to make Beryl break off their engagement 10,00 AMERICAN GOTHIC: The Buck Stops

Here Just as Caleb begins to get used to the idea of being Lucas Buck's son, Billy Peele is arrested for the shartif's murder (Teletext) (s) (8762) 11.00 RORY BREMNER ... WHO ELSE? (1) (Teletext) (s) (522101)

11.40 WEEKLY PLANET Jon Snow chairs a discussion on Germany's hold over Europe (2/8) (8) (552472) 1.10mm DISPATCHES (r) (Teletext) (s)

(5010296) 2.15 FiLM: Dangerous (b/w, 1935) starring Bette Davis and Franchot Tone, Oscarbeste pays and Prancipol fone, Oscar-winning melodrama about a lading alcoholic actress getting the chance to revive her career. Directed by Alfred Green (Ceelax) (2714386)

3.35 FILM: Dangerous Female (b/w, 1931) The first film version of The Maltese Roy Del Ruth (4643958) Ends at 5.00

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7.00pm Star Trek, Deep Space Nine (4856439) 8.00 Tekwar (4830859) 9.00 and Fath (4835946) 11.00 Late Show, with

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8.00am Destination Moon (1950) (28120) 8.00 Secred Ground (1963) (22101) 10.00 They All Laughed (1961) (7623) 12.00 Charlie's Ghost Story (1994) 15052) 2.00pm Roller Boogle (1979) 197520) 4.00 A Christmas Romance (97520) 4.00 A Christinas Romance (1530) (9033) 6.00 Franch Sib. (1983) (1 5: 7.30 El Festures (943) 8.00 Top Doy (1984) (96101) 10.00 An Auriully Big Adventure (1994) (125675) 11.55 Sexual Outlaws (1995) (886781) 1.35am Colour (1992) (377540) 3.15 Even

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 6.00am Ramona (1938) (35781) 7.30 Duncan's World (25304) 9.00 The Garden (1984) (30946) 10.00 Shepherd on the Rock (1994) (88913439) 11.40 (Riter's Riss (1995) (5083633) 12.45pm The Courage of Rin Tin Tin (1982) (9355439) 2.00 The Fernily Jerrela (1985) (97602 4.00 Duncan's World (60014507) 5.46 Moonrelaer (1979) (57679014) 8.00 Assorte to Danger (1995) (847431 10.00 Blown Away (1994) (60407855) 12.05em Not Our Son (1995) (379250) 1.40 Confessions from a Holiday Centry (1977) (2279540) 3.10 Made for Each Other (1971) (979927) 5.05 The Garden (1994) (4185873) SKY MOVIES GOLD 4.00pm The Corn is Green (1979) (7354323) 8.00 Lastrence of Arabia (1962) (3056439) 10.00 Smokey and the Bandii III (1983) (8967169) 11.30 Para-dise Alley (1978) (3948762) 1.20am The Mouse That Rocred (1959) (7262136) 2.45 Portrail of a Mobater (1961) (8266434) 4.35-5.20 A Dog's Life (1918)

GRANADA PLUS

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Game against Italy in doubt after talks break down amid threat of legal action

English rugby on the brink of warfare



RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) and its leading clubs are on the verge of open warfare after talks designed to mend the dispute over control of the game in England. broke down yesterday. The clubs have accused the governing body of acting in bad faith and will recommend that legal action is the only course remaining open to them.
Whereas the other home unions

and France have established some form of working relationship with their leading clubs - most signifi-cantly Wales, who did not do so until Monday night — the void between the RFU and the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Eprue) now seems wider than ever. The clubs have been angered

during talks in London last week was returned to them on Monday, they claim, completely revised. Far from there being only two remain-ing stumbling blocks to negotiate, relating to compensation over the release of players for international competitions, the clubs believe that the revisions restored a situation they had left behind months ago. It remains to be seen whether the clubs will now release England squad members for training at Henley today or, indeed, to play against Italy on November 23 in the

first international of the season. The RFU contends that it has offered a fair and equitable financial arrangement to the clubs, comparable to agreements which have been reached by other unions. It claims table for clubs who, in turn, say that £6.6 million of that sum is due to them anyway through existing tele-

The RFU came with a proposed agreement and a will to settle," the union said in a statement, adding that the upshot had been threats by an Epruc solicitor of legal action for restraint of trade, abuse of broadcasting rights and alleged breach of the Treaty of Rome against not only the RFU but also the International Rugby Football Board.

The biggest issue for the clubs is their understanding that the broadcasting deal agreed earlier this year between the RFU and BSkyB (the satellite television company which is part-owned by News International, owner of The Times), involved

rights which were not the union's to sell. They have also been told that. under British and European law, they have the right to manage their own affairs - in this case including playing competitions - and they are prepared to go to court in defence of

We are determined not to be oushed out of the union but nor are we going to be bullied," Donald Kerr, the Epruc chairman, said. He and his team will meet all the Epruc member clubs later this week, when they will show them last week's and this week's draft agreements for comparison, and will recommend legal action in the British and

European courts. The breakdown of talks will come as a body blow not only to the senior clubs but to the English game at large, which is thoroughly perinability of the contending parties to manage the professional game. "I spoke to three members of the RFU negotiating team in person last Thursday and I believed we were on the verge of a breakthrough," Ken Stringer, the commercial manager at Orrell, said. "Whatever the clubs' next step is, we will take a decision based on our own assessment of the

The RFU will contact directly all 24 clubs belonging to Epruc, in the hope that a more moderate view will prevail among administrators, many of whom would be reluctant either to leave the union or be involved in legal action against it. They will be aware that those clubs that lack significant investors feel that, whatever body is eventually established to control the game at

lished an eight-man management committee, with four from the union and four from the clubs), the members' clubs - such as Orrell or Gloucester - should be represented

The Epruc negotiators yesterday included Kerr (from Harlequins), Sir John Hall (Newcastle) and Charles Levenson (Wasps) all wealthy clubs, but also John Hall from Gloucester, who accused the RFU of trying to take away the clubs' rights. They can't come to terms with modern commercialism. We are not threatening anyone but we have been treated with the utmost disdain. We are not prepared to be screwed into the

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Ferguson rings changes in show of strength

BY PETER BALL AND RUSSELL KEMPSON

AFTER the events at St James' Park on Sunday, it is difficult to determine who has the least enviable task in the Coca-Cola Cup third round tonight -Oldham Athletic, who follow Manchester United into the lions' den, or Swindon Town. who go to Old Trafford to meet a wounded lion looking for

Alex Ferguson, however, is iess concerned with revenge than keeping his team fresh. The Manchester United mannger makes some key changes tonight: Pallister, Cantona, Schmeichel, Irwin, Beckham and Solskjaer are all rested. while Keane and Philip Neville return after injury. Scholes, McClair and van der Gouw get a full game and, with Giggs still troubled by a calf injury. Ben Thornley will make a heartening comeback after the ligament injury that threatened his career. Swindon, though, would be well advised not to take anything

"I'm well aware of our embarrassment last year [United were knocked out by York Cityl, which is why I'm putting . out such a strong side," Fergu-son said yesterday. "We want to retain our interest in every competition.

Oldham, by contrast, could find Newcastle resting on their laurels, but they too should not count on it. There is no complacency here," Peter Beardsley, the Newcastle captain, said. "We want some silverware and we've won nothing yet.

Like their Lancashire rivals, Leeds United are also seeking some form of redemption. They play Aston Villa at Elland Road, only four days after giving at Villa Park what

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George Graham described as "worst periormance" since he became manager Villa's 3-0 win in the final of the same competition last season marked the beginning of the end for Leeds's former manager, Howard Wilkinson.

That alone will give Leeds incentive enough, but the memory of Saturday's performance is fresh in the mind. "We've got a lot to prove to ourselves and the fans after the way we played at Villa," Lee Sharpe, the Leeds winger, said yesterday. "As a team, none of us could be happ about what we showed on Saturday. But this is a cup-tie, form goes out the window."

One FA Carling Premiership team that can look forward to tonight with some degree of confidence is Southampton. Yes, Southampton. It might have escaped the national consciousness, but Graeme Sougess's revamped

side is on a roll. After starting the season without a win in seven Premiership matches, they are now unbeaten in four league and cup outings. Thus, the tie against Uncoln City, of the Nationwide League third division, should hold no fears, even though Lincoln knocked out Manchester City in the previous round. "Everything seems to be coming together, with all the new players beginning to fit in," Jason Dodd, the Southampton de-

Tottenham Hotspur's fortunes have also turned, successive victories against Aston Villa and Middlesbrough having lifted them to eighth in the Premiership. At White Hart Lane tonight they take on Sunderland, who have won only once in eight league games and who will be without Tony Coton, their goalkeeper, who broke a leg in the defeat at Southampton on Saturday. Lionel Perez will continue to deputise. West Ham United take on

Nottingham Forest, who yes-terday announced an eightyear kit deal with Umbro that could generate more than £10 million before 2000. However, Fred Reacher, the chairman. said that none of the money would be made available to Frank Clark, the manager, to enter into the transfer market



Heinz-Harald Frentzen talks to journalists at Estoril yesterday after his first test drive in a Williams-Renault for his new Formula One team

Wycombe go for Gregory

JOHN GREGORY, the Aston Villa coach, yesterday sacri-ficed the high life of the FA Carling Premiership to take over as manager of Wycombe Wanderers, second from bottom in the Nationwide League second division. He succeeds Alan Smith, who was dismissed last month, and is only the fourth full-time manager in Wycombe's 112-year history.

Gregory, 42, the former England, Villa and Queens Park Rangers player, was selected from more than 60 applicants despite an unimpressive managerial CV - one job, at Portsmouth seven years ago, from which he was asked to leave after 12 months.

"I moved up from coach after Alan Ball left," Gregory recalled yesterday. "I hadn't done my homework, I hadn't learnt my trade and I failed miserably. I've since gone away and re-educated myself. I've learnt so much from Brian Little, at Leicester and Villa over the past six years, and I

reckon I'm now ready to give it another go.
"While people may think it's

a bit strange moving down two divisions, I know what it's like in the lower leagues. I started my playing career at Northampton so I'm not worried about what problems may lie ahead."

Gregory, who played six firmes for England, when Bobby Robson was in charge, still

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had 212 years to run of a recently extended contract at Villa Park, However, Villa have released him without asking for compensation.

"There's not a lot of money here, I'll have to scrimp and save a bit, but I've been told there are certain funds available," Gregory said. "The most important thing is for the players to show a passion and

pride about themselves and the club." He warned, too, that poor timekeeping would not be tolerated. "I'm not a sergeant-major type of person, but I hate lateness," he said. "If the players don't turn up on time, they will be fined."

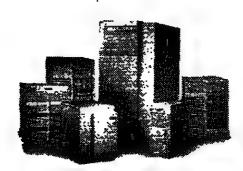
Little said: "I've worked with John for six years and between us we have gone to Wembley four times, which is not a bad record. John is a very ambitious man and this is a big chance for him. I hope that he takes it."

☐ The threatened strike by Nationwide League players may be averted. The Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) and Football League representatives meet in Manches-ter today for talks aimed at finding a solution to the dispute over the PFA's share of the television contract.

"I think you can say we are going into the talks with a fair degree of optimism," Andy Williamson, the League's

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Sabatini prepares for retirement

By Our Sports Staff

GABRIELA SABATINI, whose efforts to reach the pinnacle of women's tennis were barred by four remarkable players, is set to retire from the sport, at the age of 26. The Argentinian has called a press conference at Madison Square Garden. New York, tomorrow, when she is

expected to announce her retirement. Sabatini, who has been plagued by a stomach muscle injury and who missed the French Open and Wimbledon this year, has not won a tournament since

Two years ago, she was ranked No 3 in the world, behind Monica Seles and Steffi Graf, but has now slipped to No 29. Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert barred her way to the top when she It was just pure talent and great touch."

turned professional in 1985 and Seles and Graf later proved an insurmountable

In 13 years on the professional circuit, Sabatini won 27 tournaments, including the US Open in 1990, when she beat Graf 6-2. 7-6 in the final, and the end-of-year championship finals in 1988 and 1994. She played in 28 other finals, losing the 1988 US Open and 1991 Wimbledon finals to Graf, who also beat her for the Olympic gold medal in Seoul in 1988.

Seles said she was puzzled why Sabatini never lifted her game to a higher level. "She definitely could have won more grand slams for sure," Seles said yesterday. "I don't know why she didn't; she had so much talent. Some of the voileys she could hit were unbelievable.

Sabatini won 632 of her 821 matches, earning \$8,766,305 (about £5,513,000) in prize money. However, she more than doubled that figure from endorsements and was seen on the fashion pages as often as in the sports sections of

Newspaper reports in Argentina indicated that Sabatini's retirement will become effective immediately, while others said it will start after this year's Women's Tennis Association tour championship in New York, which is scheduled to begin November 18. ☐ Andrei Medvedev, a finalist in 1993.

has withdrawn from the Paris Open with a shoulder injury. Medvedev, of Ukraine, will be replaced by Renzo Furlan, of Italy, in the draw for the tournament, which starts at Bercy on Monday.

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How to give your house saleability

Rachel Kelly on what home improvements

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o you've bought your house. Or flat, Now, how should you do it up? Clearly much depends on your budget, and you may not be thinking about reselling — yer. But at every price level in the housing chain, there are dos and don'ts that make financial and ses-

The Halifax is a good place to start. The valuers at Britain's largest building society are sensible chaps. They warn that only some improvements recoup their cost, and they are somewhat dreary ones: adding a garage and central

You will get at least some cash back from the next tranche of improvements, all of which add at least some value to a house, installing a fitted kitchen, converting a loft building an extension, adding a conservatory or having double glazing fitted all make partial financial sense, and all add to what the Halifax's wisemen call "saleability"

But beware of "leisure improvements". They may make a house easier to sell, but you are unlikely to get your money back. Swimming pools, in particular, are a doubtful investment, Rupert Bradstock of Property Vision, says that plenty of buyers consider them a liability with small children and would fill them in. Beware, too, that brend be-

oved of urban stylists: knock-

Don't stipple your walls and don't buy chintz curtains

ing down internal walls to make a bigger room. This is a particularly doubtful improvement. "Many of our customers prefer to have more, even if they are smaller, rooms," says the Halifax.

Even those who are not planning structural improvements would do well to be aware what currently helps to sell and what is a positive deterrent. A posse of estate agents, including John D. Wood, Knight Frank and Rutley, and Hamptons are all positive: don't drag or stipple your walls, and whatever you do, don't buy chintz curtains.

They are horribly 1980s."

says Laura Vestey, of Knight Frank. Candles and eye levellighting are in, overhead spotlights are out. Forget whirlpool baths, steam rooms and saunas, and think gyms and fast "multi-attack" power

David Forbes from Chesterfield warns that buyers are particularly picky about kitchens. Neff and Bosch kitchens are in. Stuart Flint of Knight Frank's Worcester office says that architectural details such as fireplaces and plaster mouldings should be in keeping with the house's period. Plain-white bathroom suites make most sense, says Clare Berry from Savills Knightsbridge's office. "Buyers are

notoriously conservative." Mandy Craig from Hamptons says: "The essence of the change is from high decoration to simpler lines using natural materials."

Scented candles

3 Chrome taps

7 Gyms

2 American style fridges

4 Wood strip flooring (especially

3 Granite/African slate/limestone

6 Multi-attack power showers

8 Sophisticated sound systems

10 Air conditioning systems

IN FOR THE 90s



Nicola Tory, above, in the spacious kitchen of her tastefully restored Victorian home in west London home, a modern marriage of simplicity and period elegance

Hilary Charlewood was recently featured on a Channel 4 programme about moving. She makes a living by buying flats and then selling them after making improvements. Her tip is to put a feature in every room, be it an impressive fireplace or stunning wallpaper. She always accentuates a kitchen's size by putting tables and chairs in it, to show

that you could eat in there.

er rule is to make the house feet lived in: add a few Mulberry cushions or an antique candlestick; leave a pair of Gucci shoes or a Harbour Club brochure lying around. All give the impression of the fashionable young thing that you are. A show house in Regent's Park could act as a good spur to the latest trends. Go along with a notebook when it opens next June and come back with ideas for

your own des res. A decorator's heaven is nearing completion in the 40room Victorian house in Cambridge Gate. Regent's Park. The house will be dressed and decorated, thanks to the design talents of 21 interior designers and architects. They have been let loose as part of the sixth British Interior Design Exhibition, organised by

BEWARE

- Carports 2 Coloured bath-
- Artex finishes
- Shag pile carpet
- Mosaic tiles Goat skin rugs
- Hessian walla
- Cork tiles
- Cocktail cabinets 10 Venetian blinds Source: Knight Frank

Fleur Rossdale, the queen bee

of the decorating world. The house has six reception rooms, but its pièce de résistance is a glass-domed swimming pool which has a closing floor. Hey presto, and the room becomes a ballroom. The likes of Henrietta Spencer Churchill and Lady Victoria Waymouth will be displaying their wares: Lady Victoria has created new fabrics for Osborne & Little which are on

Or you could pay a man to do the job for you. Ms Rossdale is keen to stress that this is not just for the very wealthy. "Your budget need not be enormous." she says. "Many people don't realise

QUI FOR THE 90s

Composite floor tiles

2 Gold and brass taps

4 Painted kitchen units

5 Eye-ball ceiling lights

Festoon blinds

8 Pot pourri

10 Saunas

9 Chintz

8 Formica kitchen work surfaces

11 Dragging and stippling paint

12 Carpets in bathrooms

Source: Knight Frank

3 Whirlpool baths

that much of the cost of a designer comes from the sourcing of materials, tracking down lights or tiles, for example. If a client is prepared to do the legwork himself, then you

can cut costs." How much money should you spend on doing up a house? Colin Mackenzie, from Hamptons, says warning bells should sound if you spend more than 20 per cent of the value of the house: "In the country, often the best returns are from spending on properties at the bottom end of the the market, and right at the top of

"So you will reap rewards for spending on a pretty period cottage in a popular village such as Chiddingfold in Surrey or Wisborough Green in Sussex. Similarly, spending on a large classic, pure Georigan or William and Mary house with acreage to match can achieve a selling expenses of renovation."

the market.

ut decorations ideally need to be of a high standard. The worst option are middling value houses, with middling decor. They neither need completely redecorating. but not are they immaculate. These are often the hardest houses to sell

If in doubt, under-decorate Huw Warren of Cluttons in Oxford says: "I think the biggest mistake we see time and again is a house that has been over decorated."

And a final word: however much your profit, and however good your taste, remember the decorating hassle factor. A cautionary tale comes from Hamptons about a scheme in Islington, North London, Buyers could choose between finished or unfinished flats, which were five per cent cheaper. Every buyer chose the finished product.

Hiring a decorator, page 15 IDDA (0171-349 0800): Fleur Rossdale (0171-731 6327) will be giving advice at The British Interior Design Exhibition in June.

CASE STUDY: NICOLA AND DAVID TORY

hen Nicola and David Tory bought their west London home three years ago it was uninhabitable. The couple lived in a rented flat while they spent a year just planning how they were going to renovate the five-storey mid-Victorian

house. And they haven't ilhished yei "Starting from scratch was definitely an advantage," says Mrs Tory. "We were living out of a suitcase while building work was being done but I would definitely do it all again because you get just what you want from your home."

The style and lay-out of the house capture the new mood of the Nineties. Mrs Tory and her banker husband were eager to restore and retain the period features like cornicing, which they even

copied to fill in missing bits. But despite incorporating several traditional pieces of furniture and strong colours, there is a modern sense of balanced calm to the house: a feeling of simplicity and spaciousness thanks to the use of plain colours, the juxtaposition of traditional and contemporary styles, and the very latest in technology.

Mr and Mrs Tory decided to employ an interior designer, and chose Nicola and I knew I needed someone to help me," says Mrs Tory. "Although I had very definite ideas of my own. Nicola would tell me if something worked or not if I had any doubts," she says.

'Although we could not make many structural changes because of the central staircase, with rooms on both sides, we were able to extend the sitting-room and

kitchen," says Mrs Tory. Before work began. Mr and Mrs Tory sought advice from an estate agent to find out what would make their house resaleable. "Nicola's husband, Matthew Kaye from Chesterfields & Co in

Knightsbridge, told us things which hadn't worked out in houses for sale and also advised us to have as many bathrooms as possible. A kitchen with a play area like the one we have and access to the garden are also big selling points."

says Mrs Tory. room and a very Nineties affair. Blending tones of pale greens and greys produces a sense of light and space. The limestone floor captures the pale green of the wooden units and tones down the

grey of the granite work surfaces. Mr and Mrs Tory have added speakers to every room, and are looking forward to the day when they can they can afford the ultimate: under-floor heating.
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AMANDA LOOSE

EXPERT VIEW

SO WHO do you commission, asks Amanda Loose. Interior decorator Fleur Rossdale recommends the following:

Celia Minoprio (0181-748 5738), who has moved back to working in Italy for the past 18 years, for trompe l'oeil

paintings. Elaine Goodwin (01392 70943) in Exeter will mosaic floors, walls, furniture, fire screens and mantelpieces in materials including Venetian gold and silver, pink marble from Verona and Venetian

Southern Stone Restora tion & Conservation Ltd (01483 277969) are stonemasons based in Surrey, who carve fireplaces, marble bathrooms or even build stone

■ Maecemas Decoration (0171-581 1083) run by the designer, François Lavenir, visits clients homes to discuss ideas, and almost anything is possible, says Ms Rossdale. **Agora London** (0181-946

2593) makes and installs anything from a simple limed oak floor to intricate French par-quet, using oak salvaged from 16th century French buildings. Meville Stephens, of AA Fires (0171 371 5070) has transformed take fires into an

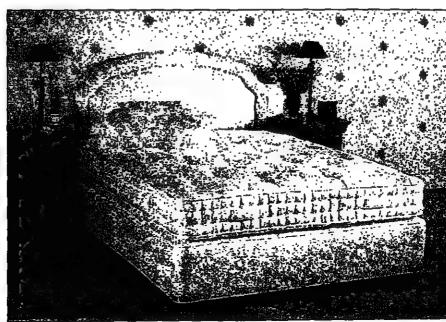
interiors must-have.

E Cusk & Wood Ltd (0171-386 9595), just launched by Caro-line Guen and Isabel Benn. make, paint and gild furniture designed to the customer's specifications.

■ Robert Wyaff, available at The Study (0171-376 7969). transforms dull lamp bases with couturier shades - simple, tailored or simply outrageous.

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SO

Celebrities are not always the best examples to follow when moving house. The friendly way, says Rachel Kelly, works best

How to buy and sell on good terms

lizabeth Hurley and Hugh Grant have done it. So have Bob Geldof and Michael Hutchence. The famous not only know each other, lunch with each other, but also buy houses from each other. Rock stars, especially, often

swap homes because of the likelihood that one musician has installed recording facilities, possibly in a large studio barn, that will suit the next.

Such sales are often difficult. A famous seller may well clash with a famous buyer, simply thanks to the two big personalities involved. "The egos tend to get bigger." says Willie Gething, from the buying agents Property Vision. who routinely deals with celebrities. Rupert Sweeting of Knight Frank advises using an agent to act as a go-between.

Another agent, who natural-

ly preferred to remain anonymous for fear of losing future business with celebrities, said: "Unfortunately, famous people are often impossible. They are usually unreasonable in their timing, and leave everything to the last minute. Luckily they have lots of people around them to do the running."

Ironically, the extra financial cushion that the wealthy and famous enjoy does not mean that they are more likely to leave a bottle of bubbly in the fridge. In fact, they may well swipe all the light-bulbs.

"I think it's because they are used to doing deals on their own terms," says Mr Gething. "It's amazing how many big deals fall through because of rows over the contents. I recently had a £9 million sale fall through over a washing

There are sensible ways to keep relationships smooth. The guiding principle should be to remember Mr Gething's mantra: "A person selling is ending a phase in their life. A person buying is starting one."

buyer is often sad about that phase in their life ending. A seller is often joyous about a new one beginning.
"There is a whole lot of

prickly territory surrounding sales. I am a great believer in personal goodwill. Once buyer and seller have agreed terms. I always tell a buyer to ring and say how pleased they are that the deal is happening and what a wonderful family house it is."

For the rest of us, here is a guide to how best to keep in with the person you are buying from and how sellers can

WHY DEALS FAIL

Survey, 21 per centChange of heart, 16 Legal problems, 15 Financing/cost of

renovation, 13 Unhelpful vendors, 9
More suitable house coming along. 6 · Planning permis-

sion. 6 • Family problems, 5 • Fine-tuning deal. ie, fixtures and fittings. 3 Others, 6 Source: Knight Frank

remain on good terms with the person they sell to. Not everyone will enjoy the delights that we did when we bought our house. The owners very kindly threw a party for us to meet our new neighbours in the street. But by following some of these tips you should avoid the worst fall-outs in what is a

delicate relationship. Make sure what is included or excluded in the sale, says lan Homersham, joint chair-man of John D. Wood, Sellers should list what is included and avoid vagueness. Note that it is rare for fitted curpets to be removed, and if they are, So the buyer should try to be that could well ruin a sale become so upset and take it personally. Ditto for loo seats, door handles and light bulbs. Tommy de Mallet Morgan of Savill's Guildford office recalls a sale falling through because of negotiations on one china door handle.

Mr Sweeting recommends that sellers might also commission a "pre-sale survey", which warns buyers of a problem, allowing them to make an offer on a property with full knowledge of any work that needs to be done.

The more unpreventable breakdowns are caused by buyers who have a change of heart," Mr Sweeting says. "People need to fall in love

with a house. They generally pull out when they feel they have been pushed into a decision by their husband, wife or agent. Buyers going half-heartedly into a transac-tion often know deep down that it is the wrong house for

Neville Casingena, a direc-or of Goldschmidt & Howland. says: "Ultimately, stick to your word. Do not promise not to sell to anyone else, and then pull out when another offer is made." Buyers can behave equally

well. Again, do not make false promises, says Mr Casingena. Don't agree a price and then seek to renegotiate at the last And make your offer as clean as possible, says Mr de Mallet Morgan. "Make it

subject to as few conditions as

possible." Probably, the best advice comes from Anthony Lassman, a developer and adviser to the agent Lassman's. "If anything crops up that you did not envisage. such as a delay in finances or a delay in arranging a survey. make sure your vendor is kepi advised at all times. Otherwise, you could be miscon-

strued as stalling with an

ulterior motive in mind."











Top: Michael Hutchence did a deal with Bob Geldof, centre, Hugh Grant liked the late Bette Davis's mansion; while Sid James's home took Bob Dylan's eye

The stars with shared taste

Housemoving can make for odd

have

done

couples, says Amanda Loose

hen stars buy and sell, some unusual parities of taste emerge. Bob Dylan bought the art deco Delaford Park. in Iver. Buckinghamshire. striking a deal with its Arab owner in July 1994. The house had previously been the favourite property of Sid James, the comedian.

The most talked about house swap this year was between rock stars Bob Geldof and Michael Hutchence, who played musical homes in June. As part of the Geldof's divorce settlement from Paula Yates. which ended their ten-year marriage. Sir Bob agreed to move from his £750,000 three-storey Chelsea home. to the one-bedroom mews house in Cheyne Walk which Mr Hutchence had use of. The two houses are just 270 yards apart, but the relationship has Prime

been difficult. The comedian Les Dennis bought his Highgate home from Martin Kemp, of Spandau Ballet fame in May 1995. Jeff Lyne, former member of the Electric Light Orchestra. snapped up Jane Seymour's Califor-

nian mansion in January 1994. And last month. Phil Collins signed a two-year lease on racing driver Jackie Stewart's Swiss home, overlooking Lake Geneva.

In Hollywood, stars are bound to buy one another's homes. Never out of the public eye. Hugh Grant and Elizabeth Hurley recently made the headlines again when they bought a home in Hollywood, not far from Sunset Boulevard. The couple have bought an apartment in the white-walled mansion known as The Colonial, the home of Bette Davis in Bel Air, for £1.7 million.

Last year Johnny Depp bought The Castle in Hollywood, for El.5 million, from the celebrity lawyer Marvin property on the market for £6 million in 1993. The Castle with a 25 acre estate, was also the home of Bela Lugosi. cult star of the Dracula films in the 1930s.

Real estate deals among the famous are nothing new. They have been made by some of Britain's most distinguished figures.
Prime ministers have done

it. Putting politics aside. Churchili bought his Pimlico flat from Lloyd George. whose mistress Frances Stevenson had lived there. On the afternoon war was declared, Churchill watched the barrage balloons being flown over London from the

Royals and tycoons have also done it. In the 1930s Armand Rateau, a French decorator built a villa on the Riviera, which was to be

inhabited by royalty and millionaires. In 1938, the exiled Duke and Duchess of Windsor took a ministers ten-year lease on the property, which later passed to Kings Leopold and Farouk, and then the shipping magnate. Aristotle Onassis, This luxurious villa.

which boasted a 22carat gilded bathtub, burned down in suspicious circumstances, shortly after Stavios Niankos. another shipping tycoon, bought it.

London's literati have often sold, exchanged or let out homes to each other. In 1819, the antiquary and critic Charles Wentworth Dilke let his Hampstead home, now part of Keats House, to Fanny Brawne and her mother.

Further south, William Morris rented his riverside home in Hammersmith from the poet and novelist George MacDonald for £85 per year. from 1877 until his death in

Morris renamed it Kelmscott House, and the

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Tips for would-be landlords

London are up by 9 per cent, new figures from Savills Prime Central London Rental Indices show. In Kensington, values have increased by 7 per cent in the last quarter

With potential profits like these, would-be investors are keen to take advantage of the market. But there are prob-

Part of the difficulty is to find a suitable property to buy to let. "There is still a restricted supply and strong demand for rental accommodation," says Juliet Hill from Knight Franks's Kensington Lettings

Rental accommodation is scarce at every level of the market, agrees Yolande market, agrees Yolande Barnes of Savills. More people are therefore renewing their existing tenancy agreements, It is a vicious circle affecting corporate and private clients

The latest figures from Chestertons Residential reveal that the average length of both corporate and private tenancies has increased from 8 months to 1012 months since

Despite the lack of supply of good properties to buy, there are some basic guidelines for Amanda Loose offers advice on problems in the rental market

landlords should decide what sort of investor they want to be, says Ms Barnes, Each type of investor

should end up buying a different type of property, according to what they want from the investment," she says. "Some older

invest for the rental income, some for capital growth in the long term. Equally, others want the best of both worlds, and some want to speculate on house prices over the next five years, so they are just looking for a rental income

which will pay the

landlords want to

instalments on their loan." Mary Ryan, head of Lettings at Property Vision Management, agrees. If your motivation is rental yields, or you are looking for capital appreciation, or a bit of both, then this will ultimately determine where and what type of property you buy.

At the highest end of the rental market, 20 Park Street, Mayfair, is being offered, fully

furnished, by Knight Frank for £7,000 per week. It boasts a roof terrace, ornamental

gardens, four storeys of luxury accommodation and a prime location, off Park Lane.

She says: "If you are driven by rental yields then consider buying a short lease, or somewhere less central such as Fulham. Clapham and Battersea. Also avoid properties with high service charges as this will ultimately knock down

terms of capital ap-preciation. When

you are looking to

buy purely as an

investment you

must think about

what will appeal to

a prospective ten-

ant rather than

your own prefer-

'Location is a major factor in returns on any property'

ences," says Ms Ryan. Approaching a specialist agent such as ARLA members or the newly-launched Rental Investment Bureau run by Quality Street, one of the country's largest private land-

ARLA agents and the Bureau will be able to match properties and potential ten-

tions. Diana Rowell, head of Strutt & Parker London Lets. suggests investors take advice from local agents on what specific properties are worth. what should be spent on them. and what sort of tenant and how many of them, are cur-

rently looking in the area. Rowena Wild, lettings director of Chestertons Residential, is keen to warn clients of the maximum rental levels, which Prime areas like by their very nature, many Chelsea, Kensingproperties impose upon ton and Knightsthemselves. bridge are better in

The first thing we will stop landlords from doing is spending too much money. For instance, an apartment with no car-parking, will have a self imposed maximum rental level, as will a flat up four flights of stairs, or a house not considered in rental terms to be in a prime location," she

Location is a major factor in the financial value and returns on a property. Properties in central London should be no more than a ten-minute walk from a Tube station, and within easy reach of facilities such as dry cleaners and shops, says Ms Ryan.

And if you are aiming for a corporate tenant do bear in mind the demands of American and Japanese tenants. They value security more than anything else, says Ms Rowell, and are easily swayed by the social cachet of the best ad-

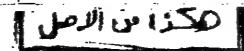
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Why the young plan to do it themselves

for themselves. That is the conclusion of Mark Brinkley, an expert on the "selfbuild" market or those who build their own homes.

Yuppies now predominate among the estimated 20,000 or so who build their own homes every year. They are typically people whose formative years were in the 1960s and 1970s when popular culture took on consumer culture. The revolt included being antidevelopment." Mr Brinkley, author of The Housebuilder's Bible, says. They can't find anything they want to buy off the shelf. These baby-boomers still have just enough of that rebel thing to make them feel that speculative housebuilding remains part of the problem with the world at large, whereas self-building is part of the

The emergence of the young and wealthy in the market is a distinct shift. Mr Brinkley says. "In the 1980s, the typical project involved a group self-build — where people clubbed together to buy a housing site and then helped each other build their houses. The emphasis was very much on finding a cheap way on to the housing ladder.

The typical self-build house is now being built by individuals and is much more upmarket. What has changed dramatically is the average spent on each project — today's typical self-builder will be spending more than £100,000 on the construction of his or her house on top of the cost of the land. "If there is pressure in the

housing market today, it is caused by a chronic shortage of quality The middle classes are taking to

self-build as never before, Mr Brinkley says. "Companies such as Potton Timber Frame have made young people aware of this alternative route. It is now a rarity to find

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Rachel Kelly on a

burgeoning

market — the selfbuild homes that

please both

builder and bank

an individual plot being developed by a builder for resale - they are almost all being snapped up by self-

It is difficult to find any facts and figures which support Mr Brinkley's view, partly because of the problems with statistics and the self-building industry. The VAT office runs a scheme to enable non-VAT registered people to reclaim VAT when building their new home. In the past year, there were 11.697 VAT reclaimers, which we can assume are self-builders. There are no figures to showing many of these self-builders are bright young

things.

What we do know is that numbers are increasing. The number of VAT reclaimers is on an 11 per cent upward trend. Others agree that Mr Brinkley's suspicions are cor-rect. Sue Woodwood, marketing director of *Build It* magazine, says: "Young people building their house are becoming more common. They are well-organised and practical. These are typically well-to-do people, the ABCIs as the marketing men call them. They are paying tax at 40 per cent and want the status symbol of a four or five-bedroom detached house. It is a misapprehension that only the starry-eyed and DIY fanatics build their own

Steven Lowe, TSB's head of marketing housing finance, says: "Over the past year or so, appli-

WHERE TO GET HELP FROM THE PROFESSIONALS:

ing Display Centre in Exeter where self-builders can look

and learn. On offer are materi-

als exhibits, an advice centre, a

library and video section and

an estimating service. Ken Broom, the manager of the BDC, says: "We've had doc-tors, dentists, pilots, all sorts in

here; some know a lot, some

are completely chieless." The Building Display Centre is at

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have become slightly younger There is an ever-increasing de mand among young professionals. We believe there is a big gap in the market for helping these young professionals who are interested in self-building to fulfil their ambitions, such as putting them in touch

with the right subcontractors.*

The young are also attracted by the total freedom of choice, says Ms Woodward. "They can live in exactly what they want. And there is a general discontent with what developers offer." Finally, there can be financial savings to be made, which make self-building usually between 20 and 30 per cent cheaper than buying Rosalind Renshaw, editor of Build It, says: "The average build price is £120,000, while the average sale price on the day of completion is £150,000."

Rex Kirk, Bradford & Bingley's marketing support manager for lending, says: "It's good business for us. The end price is usually greater than the money we have

But Mr Brinkley advises a note of caution, "Some self-builders probably do not save themselves that much. They often pay over the odds for land, mopping up single plots in the best areas, at prices that speculative builders wouldn't touch." Nor do they count in the cost of their own time and labour, known as "sweat equity" in the business, and their finance costs which they view as a mortgage.

But there are other compensations for building yourself. The young like to instal the latest and fanciest mod-cons. "They want such features as inbuilt vacuum cleaners and under-floor heating, They often build to a high level of sophistication."

Ultimately, it is a way that people can express themselves, says Ms Renshaw. And that appeals to the young and design-conscious.

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"As an architect, Jaye used to design the standard, developer's house," says Mr Ford. We never wanted to live in that sort of thing, and I don't think many people want to either. But ten or 20 years ago it wasn't possible for people to build their own houses, because materials and labour were very expensive. Now self-build is cheaper than buying.

The first step was finding the land to build on. The Fords eventually discovered the right plot sandwiched between two listed cottages. They wanted somewhere near Gatwick, where Steven works as a pilot for Virgin Atlantic, and close enough to Jaye's office in Reigate.

"It is hard to find land you want," says Mrs Ford. "Agents usually hold it back for developers, so we went to the local council and asked to A couple who wanted to

make their mark speak

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look at recent planning permissions.
"The next thing needed was a complete set of working drawings and specifications. This was our creative contribution. We did not actually build it ourselves as we both work full-time." They approached three local builders with

their plans, and took the best offer. "I think it's important that one contractor does all the work - it saves on the possibility of confusion. It is also very important they have all the plans from the beginning. You should allow no room for the builder's interpretations, they will probably try to cut corners," warns Mrs Ford.

Building started in January 1994. "We were living with the in-laws in a nearby village. Proximity was vital, so we could check the work every day. We had to clear a lot of top soil to keep the eventual roof height in compliance with the local council. Although this added to costs, it allowed us to build on a plot that others

had passed by ," she says.

Because the village is part of a conservation area, the freedom of design for the exterior was limited. The council wanted a typical country cottage; symmetrical, two storeys and gabled. But the Fords had a free rein with the interior. "We tried to keep some old-fashioned features but at the same time we wanted to avoid

anything too weird to retain the resale value. says Mrs Ford. The total building costs were £77,000, including all extras. The land cost £38,000. The house was recently valued at £135,000, which

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means the Fords have made a £20,000 profit.
They moved in immediately. However, Mrs Ford feared the worst when she began to feel ill. 'I went to the doctor, thinking there were some poisonous materials in the house." The doctor's explanation was both a relief and a joy. Jaye was a month pregnant.

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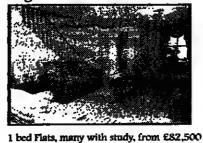
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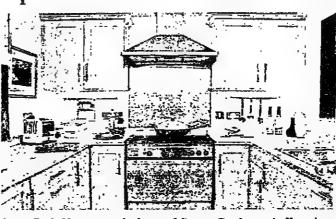
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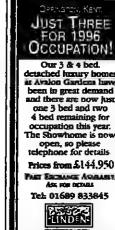
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Marcus Binney takes a grandstand view of the more unusual small historic buildings that have been converted for domestic use

Pick a winner in the stands

terest in the Turf to tion of one of Britain's most unusual small historic buildings. This is the 18th-century grand-

stand, the only one of its kind to survive in substantial condition. It was built for the Marquess of Exeter at Wothorpe on his estate near Stamford, in Lincolnshire, with a first-floor room reserved for the gentry and the display of the Stamford Gold Cup, now on show at Burghley House.

Today it provides a grandstand view of a rather different kind, for just three-quarters of a mile to the south is RAF Wittering, home of the Harrier Jump Jet. As I arrived, (was treated to a mini-Farnborough air show with clusters of helicopters banking dramatically as they came in to land.

The reason why this particular listed building is a snip at £130,000 is the noise. The good news is that the Harrier does not fly at weekends and the new double glazing is effective (indeed, if you opted for a third layer, it might be

quiet enough for a recording studio). The good The grandstand has been saved from ruin by news is the Jennifer Freeman, a for-mer secretary of the Harrier jet Victorian Society whose husband is the Public does not Services Minister, Rog-er Freeman. She cut her fly at preservation teeth with the New York City weekends Landmarks Preservation Commission, and has set up her own

buildings in extreme distress. The work has been aided by an English Heritage "Buildings at Risk" grant. When Mrs Freeman bought the

Wothorpe Grandstand and just ' over an acre of ground from the Burghley estate, there was no roof, ers, no ceilings, and just three external walls rising to eaves level. Even so, the extraordinary architecture of the two side wails made it clear that this could become a gem

Roman theatre, the design was made up of arches - a full arcade on the ground floor and the semicircular lunettes, known as Diocletian windows, above. This is Middlemarch country (the television version), so there is a wealth of masonry detail, big bold quoins at the corners and emphatic keystones to every arch.

Photographs taken in the 1950s and 1960s recorded the collapsed arcade, and some of the stonework was subsequently found on the ground and re-used. A small drawing by a local artist in 1820 showed a top storey, and the architect, Brian Austin, has recreated this stylishly in a modern idiom.

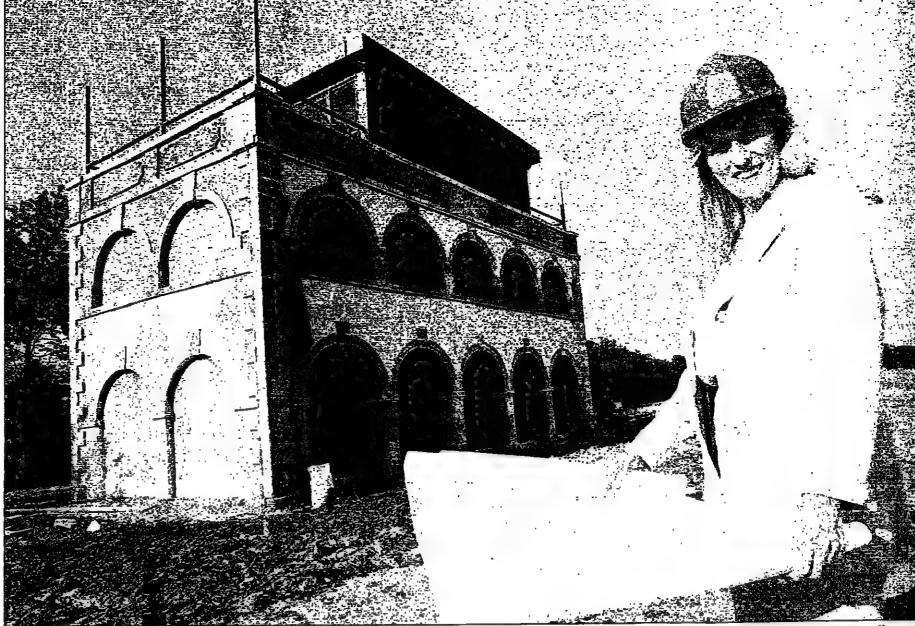
A detailed survey by Donald Mckreth, a building archaeologist, revealed that there had been a kitchen and wine cellar in the basement, that the ground floor had been open and that the firstfloor room used to have wooden shutters rather than windows. Originally there were two staircases, one for the servants and another for the gentry. Wothorpe is

now at a stage where purchasers can decide on any internal layout they choose. It could be fitted out with four bedrooms and three bathrooms, or the top storey could make a glorious studio workspace. Slightly tinted glass has been used to prevent it from becoming too hot on sunny days. Floor to ceiling glass has been introduced be-

hind the ground-floor small company to rescue historic arcade. This is the obvious place for a large kitchen with double doors making it easy to eat outside, in sun or shade. The new house has mains electricity, borehole water and its

own sewage disposal system. Outside, the walls have been rendered to the same gritty recipe that was found in old samples but then overlaid with a limewash mixed with copperas to create an

ochre colour.



The 18th-century Wothorpe Grandstand restored to its former glory by Jennifer Freeman, who set up her own company to rescue small buildings in extreme distress

century grandstand was more like an assembly room. Race days were occasions for entertaining and for bumper feasts known as ordinaries. Cock fighting, travelling theatre and dances were another feature. Out of season the grandstand served as a cricket pavilion

and as a venue for card parties."

Horse-racing dates back to the early 16th century and by degrees took over from deer-coursing as a spectator event. Queen Elizabeth I regularly watched deer coursed by greyhounds from the roofs of country houses where she stayed when she undertook her numerous

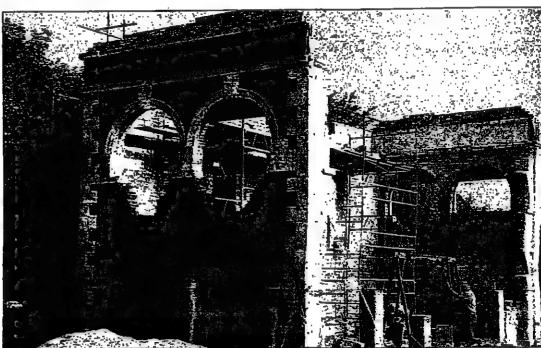
At Sherborne, in Gloucestershire, there is a delightful classical grandstand, Lodge Park, that was built in 1634 for watching deercoursing. It is a model for the Wothorpe Grandstand with the same box-like proportions, two storeys and a flat roof. The present racecourse at Wothorpe was established around 1717 and continued in use until 1873. During restoration,

1766 for the grandstand was retrieved and re-set near

The grandstand was built not as some private aristocratic folly, but let on a 99-year full-repairing lease to a Stamford innkeeper. John Terrement, who evidently was expected to provide abundant quantities of food and drink.

The early racecourse was oval, but at the beginning of the 19th century a straight mile, still visible, was introduced following the example of Newmarket. Old racing prints show there were once handsome Georgian grandstands at Beverley, Doncaster, Nottingham, Richmond and York. Of these little more than fragments remain, so Wothorpe is the lone survivor of a vanished world.

If you bought such a curiosity, you would want to have a reasonable prospect of selling it again. However, Quentin Jackson-Stops. who is handling the sale, has no qualms. "There's always a market for unusual properties," he said. Jackson Stops (01604 32991)



Wothorpe Grandstand before it was saved from ruin with the help of an English Heritage grant

Rents and rentability in Austen's sensible city

Council tenants do not live in

Grade I listed terraces, except

in Bath. Christine Webb reports

'We get

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B ath is such a photogenic city that it is often used as a ready-made filming backdrop. The new Joely Richardson film Hollow Reed is one of many shot there, but few film-makers would have been aware that they were looking at the most exquisite gems of council homes.

Among the 6.500 dwellings rented to council tenants in Bath are 800 Georgian homes, most of them listed. The jewels in this crown include number II Royal Crescent. six houses in the King's Circus and one in Argyle Street which is next to Robert Adam's Pulteney Bridge. All appear on postcards of Bath

and could lay claim to being the most photographed council homes in Britain. Jackie and Kevin Cope live in a

spacious maisonette in the King's Circus, a Grade I listed circular terrace built in three segments of ten houses by John Wood in the 1750s. The council owns six of these houses, which are converted into flats. Rent for a two-bedroom flat such as that of the Copes. which has a 23-squarefoot living room, plus a second reception room, is about £70 a week.

We get lots of tourists, even the cat and dog have been photographed." Mrs Cope, a care assistant, says. "We've got a plate on the front of the house saying 'Major Andre, a British spy, lived here'. and people stop to read it. We had to move the telly because they would see it through the window and stop to watch, especially if football was on.

We back on to the Assembly Rooms, where important functions take place and we've watched the Princess Royal from our breakfast room window, but when we filmed John Major, his security men checked us out in case we were armed.

"Because it's so unspoilt television companies and movie moguls are always filming in the Circus. We've been living here for six years and we've got quite blase about it. Anjelica Huston was here last January filming Buffalo Girls for American TV, The House of Eliott crew were regulars, and scenes for Jane Austen's Persuasion were filmed in the Assembly Rooms." The BBC has also filmed scenes there for a six-part period drama, Harvest Moon, due to be

screened next year. The preservation laws are very strict. Scenes for Fay Weldon's The Cloning of Joanna May were filmed in one of the houses, and the television crew had to get special permission to paint the front door black. This was granted, but for only 24 hours. So it was painted on Friday, filmed on Saturday and painted white again on Sunday.

"We have to be careful to keep our satellite dish hidden, it's tucked between two roof slopes where no one can see it," Mr Cope, a caretak-

er, says. "We can't doubleglaze the windows, which are draughty; we can't paint the windows anything but white, and we can't even put a hanging basket outside. The council maintains them well, the exterior woodwork is painted every four

do any damage. "We can't help noticing the tourist buses in the summer, the fumes killed all the plants in our basement garden this year. People are shocked when you write your address on the back of a cheque -the price goes up straight away. We get lots of comments about

years, and surveyors are sent to

make sure the scaffolding doesn't

we are." Daunting maintenance costs have stopped many tenants from exercising their right to buy but those who have — about 200 have snipped themselves a bargain. Perry's estate agents is about to market a one-bedroom flat in Camden Crescent at £49,950. It

how lucky we are to live here, and



Grade I living: 11 of these magnificent houses in the Georgian Royal Crescent in the centre of Bath are let out as council homes

was bought by the tenant for £36,000 five years ago - not bad for a slump, even if the property has been improved. A woman in Argyle Street bought her flat for about £40.000 when it was valued

"Period former council flats don't come on the market too often. and when they do prices reflect the fact they have been councilowned," says Mick Ringham, spokesman for the Bath Auctioneers and Estate Agents Society. whose own George Street office was once the home of the Countess of Huntingdon, and is itself a

council property, the upper two floors being council flats. "Sometimes the apartments

have been carved up, or the halls

are ugly, with lino floors. This is very mixed housing. A ground floor two-bedroom former council maisonette in the King's Circus might go for £120,000, while it could fetch £165,000 if it was in private ownership."

ow did the council come by its treasure trove? Some houses were actually built by the council in the 18th century, for example whole blocks from Alfred Street to Bennett Street and from Oxford Row to Bartlett Street.

"The city council got involved in the 18th century building boom that saw Bath grow from 3,000 souls in 1700 to 33,000 in 1801," Graham Davis, a local historian.

says. Others have been acquired by the city fathers since the war as council housing - they are anxious to maintain the properties and Bath's reputation as one of the most beautiful cities in Europe.

It is thought that some were bought after being damaged during the Bath Blitz of April 26 and 27, 1942, which destroyed or badly damaged 5,000 houses.

in 1973 several hundred units, including some in Great Pulteney Street, were bought en bloc as tenanted properties from the Bathwick Estate Company. The council feared the mostly elderly tenants would suddenly become homeless, and some of the buildings were also in sore need of

Among them was the building in Argyle Street where Sylvia Yeomans' top floor flat next to Pulteney Bridge overlooks Pulteney Weir and has grandstand views of Bath rugby ground. She swapped her London council flat with a Bathonian who wanted to

move there.

Downstairs there used to be a pub which Charles Dickens used to frequent," she says. "I'm thinking of buying this place eventually, I love it, and I'd get 65 per cent discount on it because of the length of time I've been a tenant.

"I've seen my flat on key-rings, tin trays, post cards and tea-towels

- in souvenir shops all over the The tenants of the Royal CresTimes. But Nancy Russell, 75, was happy to chat about her gracious one-bedroom council flat in The King's Circus which costs £50-£60 a week to rent. "I have only four rooms but they

are very spacious, I've got a kitchen you could dance in. It is a hard place to heat, neither a door nor a window fits, but the council is doing a great job," she says.

The windows are so large the curtains need yards and yards of material, and the ceilings are high which demands more heating. I feel the cold because my husband, Charles, was a pilot with Singapore Airlines and we spent many years in the Far East. While I was in hospital a while ago, the council put central heating in for me.

The council wants tenants who will look after these buildings - I was drilled on that before I moved in six years ago. The flat has lovely marble fireplaces and mouldings all around the ceilings.

"Film companies" have filmed the entrance hall with its three beautiful Italian marble pillars which are as cold as ice, winter or summer. I'm very comfortable here, I love the flat and I'm very happy. I can't fault the council, it has been wonderful."

at O'Driscoll, the head of housing management at Bath and North East Somerset Council, says: "Council policy was to acquire property, so we are unique in having a lot of Georgian housing stock in the city centre. These flats are very large and repair bills are high, but it's good to be able to offer council housing in the hub of the city, it keeps it

"There is also a great deal of privately owned housing, so all kinds of people have the chance to enjoy living in the centre of Bath.
"Now that the two authorities of

Wansdyke and Bath have merged we have inherited two methods of setting rents and we are looking at a points scheme that would take into account where a property is. its size, etc. We will expect people; to pay a reasonable rent - a reporter is going to the housing committee though it does not mean rents will go up."

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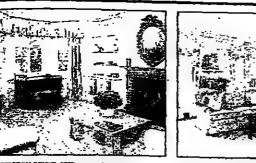
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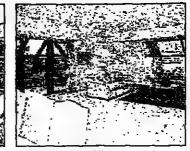
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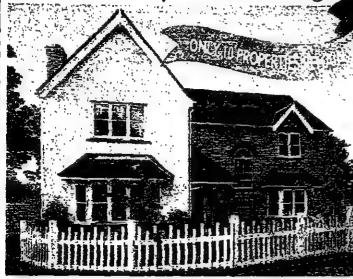
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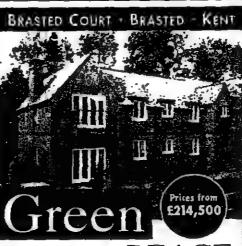
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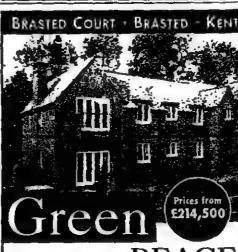
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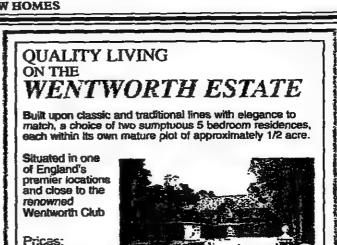
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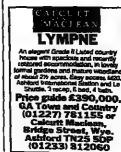
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hile the English like to buy through men in white socks who drive fast cars and use mobile phones, the Irish prefer to gather in a church hall, drink in hand, and watch the drama of an

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John Hamilton, of Jackson-Stops & McCabe, estimates that twothirds of Irish property is sold by auction, the other third through private treaty or tender arranged

The Irish revel in auctions, It is not only a common practice but a way of life, and a Tovely way to sell", said Arthur Davies of the

"Competitive bidding is the way to get the best price, not only for an exceptional property, but also for

Auctioneering has a long and prosperous tradition in Ireland; estate agents began as mostly agricultural auctioneers, selling machinery, farms, fence-posts, cattle and grazing. Estate agents are still commonly known as auc-

Selling by auction in Ireland has no downmarket connotations, whereas in Britain auctions are mainly for properties that cannot be sold by any other means, either houses that need vast expenditure, or that have been repossessed.

In Ireland, auctions are used for all types of property, including commercial and farming estates. Generally speaking, houses worth

Up for auction through agents Knight Frank and Hamilton Osbourne King is Ardbraccan, in

Navan. Co. Meath. Offers in excess of IE900,000 will be considered when it goes under the ham-

mer (date yet to be set). The property is an "outstanding 18th-century Palladian mansion standing in a park of 120 acres". It has three principal bedrooms and five further bedrooms

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one that is stuck on the market," auctioned. Demand for more ex-Mr Hamilton says. auctioned. Demand for more ex-pensive property is fuelled by pensive property is fuelled by foreigners who should familiarise themselves with auctions. Five years ago, more than 80 per cent of the buyers for large properties were German, said Andrew Hay from Knight Frank. Now there is a mix of Dutch, German and UK buyers. They seek a quiet retreat, away from the pressures of more urban areas. And there are fiscal

> Foreign domicile rules mean that you have to be in the country for more than 139 days before being deemed a resident and liable to pay tax on income earned in other

Typically, the property is launched by a three-week advertis-Typically.

and completion. Sometimes a property sells after an auction, the auction room serving to winkle out serious buyers. An auctioneer may well withdraw to the bar, and for a short time will discuss with anyone who has already bid. Contracts are routinely exchanged on the bar counter.

Agents advise prospective buyers to go to several auctions before taking part. Visit the property to check that it is in a condition with which you are happy. Ask a solicitor to check the property's history and deeds and ensure that a survey and valuation are carried

Check for planning applications that affect your chosen house, and arrange your finances; a 10 per cent deposit is payable on the day in cash, and a banker's draft, building society or solicitor's cheque and proof of identity is required. The balance is due 28 days later.

Check the catalogue to ensure that your property is still available as it may have been sold privately. Before bidding, decide on a maximum bid and keep to it. Finally. know your lot number; obvious but vital. When the hammer falls, a binding contract has been estab-

The advantages of buying at auction are obvious." Mr Hay says. From the buyer's point of view, the fall of the hammer means the property is his.

From the vendor's point of view. the fall of the hammer signals the signing of the contract and the nonrefundable 10 per cent deposit. This eliminates the unpredictable period between receiving offers and exchanging contracts.

"There is a definite timetable of

advertising, sale and completion. The auction also means that competitive bidding can often raise the price to a level higher than would have been achieved through private treaty sale, for example.

When Baldonnel House. Baldonnel, eight miles from the centre of Dublin, was sold last month, the guide price for the fivebedroomed Victorian residence set in 63 acres and in need of extensive modernisation (there was no elec-

Bidding opened at 1£400,000 and the hammer finally came down at

The success of auctions is self-evident. According to Hugh Hamilton, of Hamilton Osbourne King, 50 per cent of houses sell under the hammer, 45 per cent before or after the auction and only 5 per cent do

The disadvantages include the unpredictability of the final sale price (with a private treaty you know how much you are bidding) and the necessity for a split-second decision. But as Robert Ganley, of Ganley Walters, the Dublin branch of agents Strutt & Parker, said: "We are a nation used to the auction



Going, going, gone: the Wardrop family successfully sold their Georgian house by auction

Experts at game of bluff

"I KNOW the English all sell by private treaty or something but it is not how things are done over here," says Eric Wardrop, 52, "If you want to buy a cow or a horse or anything, it's the same. You do it by auction."
Mr Wardrop, a retired

Guinness sales executive, has recently sold Kellsgrange House, Kells, Co Kilkenny, by auction, It is a spacious Georgian house in good condition with six acres of land, and Mount Juliet Golf Club. home of the Irish Open. next door. As a desirable property. Kellsgrange House was put up for auction as the method of sale that would generate the highest price.

Mr Wardrop did not originally plan to sell. "The local estate agent contacted me wondering if I could be tempted into it, as he had a lot of interest. They know all the houses in the area with good potential. My family wanted more land as they show-jump. so I was happy to move to a nearby farm.

The viewing period was set at eight weeks, during which time at least 60 people saw the house. Sixty per cent of these were English.

The auction took place one Wednesday afternoon this month in the Clubhouse Hotel. Kilkenny. There were 40 people in the room," recounts Mr Wardrop, "but only eight bid-ders. These were solicitors or estate agents. People normally like professionals to bid for them. as sometimes the whole process Auctions are an

everyday event in Ireland but

always draw a

crowd, says Tom

Newton Dunn

can get them very carried away." auctioneer

Wardrop's agent. The vendor does not traditionally attend the auction. "I was outside the room, but you can be sure I had my ear pressed up against the door," says Mr

Wardrop. The guide price was set at IR £250.000 (£245,000) which was fairly conservative, to get more people interested. The bidding started at IR £180,000 and went up quite quickly to IR £276,000 but then stopped. As this figure was below the price Mr Wardrop wanted, the auc-

tioneer "withdrew" the property. Only 15 minutes of open auction is rare. Mr Wardrop says. "Auctions can go on for hours. I was at one recently where there were 10-minute gaps of silence between bids. They all sat there scratching their heads, looking at the ground. It is like a game of poker as the agents suss each other out. They get quite skilled at the business. That's why people turn up to watch. If you

Custom dictates that after the property is withdrawn the highest bidder has one hour to come to an agreement with the vendor, otherwise other bidders are

Negotiations, therefore, then began in a corner of the bar between the auctioneer, acting for Mr Wardrop, and the agent of the highest bidder.

Mr Wardrop was in the opposite corner. "They would come over with the latest price to ask if I liked it. We call this horsetrading. I eventually settled with IR £330,000. I knew how high I could afford to go because in the meantime I was having a quiet word with another bidder who would have given me about that price as well. I suppose that sort of thing is not formally allowed but it always goes on, it's part of

The deal was sewn up one hour and five minutes later. Kellsgrange House was bought in trust for an unknown purchaser, who was required to hand over 10 per cent of the price immediately. The local press speculated that the buyer was Michelle Smith, the Irish swimmer who won three Olympic gold medals at Atlanta this year. as she had viewed the house.

"I was very happy with the price." concluded Mr Wardrop. but it must be a very frustrating business for the unsuccessful buyers, as they often put in a lot

Christine Webb finds a 15th-century hunting lodge on the market for the first time since 1688

Family to end 300 years at Chaceley Hall

ncient Chaceley Hall is like an old friend to the Lane family. A old friend to the same same, who have lived there since 1688, but they are about to kiss it goodbye: it has just gone on the market for the first time in 300 years. The Grade II* listed farmhouse at Chaceley Hole, near Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, has gained various extensions and the odd wrinkle since the original house was built as a hunting lodge between 1418 and 1470. At that time the area was a vast woodland, and the huntsmen kept birds of prey in the loft. The lodge was an oak-framed wantle-and-daub box on a stone base, but in the 16th century the north and south wings were added, plus carved oak barge boards, including one on the west gable which still clearly shows a vine

reference to Aesop's fable. The house has witnessed the taming of the land by its occupants. and, perhaps, the odd Civil War skirmish, and has gained the air of stoic serenity that comes with great

with grapes and a fox, possibly a

Yeoman farmer John Lane was living there in 1688, the year his son William was born. At some time. another small brick dwelling was built a few yards away, and was inhabited by the Beale family. William eventually married the girl next door. Elizabeth Beale, a wise move. as after a time the two dwellings were joined by a red brick extension which now forms a liuge farmhouse

The family's accounts reveal that in 1761 a year's wages came to £5, plus 2lb of wool and one shilling "in earnest", which was to seal the hiring bargain in 1780, eight pigs sold for

Successive generations of the Lane family are buried in the churchyard of St John the Baptist Church, Chaceley, where the name Lane first appears in records in 1670, and where the Hall's current owner, Roger Lane, has been a church warden for eight years. His father, William, was a warden there for 45 years, his grandfather, Henry, served 12 years, and great-grandfather George 40

"George, who was born in 1839, was an excellent carpenter. We still use a round oak table he made," said Mr Lane. "He was a good shot too; he won two silver cups at shooting matches while in the Worcestershire yeomanry, one in 1866 and one in

Mr Lane will be moving house for the first time in his 48 years when a buyer is found for Chaceley Hall and its adjoining cottage, which is being marketed at £325,000 by Strutt & Parker's Moreton-in-Marsh office. He, his wife Rose, with Andrew, 14. and Emma, seven will live in a fourbedroom bungalow being built on land they own nearby, a move that will enable them to diversify and reinvest in their farmland.

When they finally pack up the silver shooting cups they will have a mammoth task - they will be packing for eight generations.

We have copies of the London Illustrated News going back to 1863, we have a pair of the leather leggings my father wore over breeches before wellington boots were worn, and we still have the cider horns used by the family for goodness knows how long," he grinned, producing



Roger and Rose Lane are selling Chaceley Hall, which dates from between 1418 and 1470

hollowed-out cow horns from a cupboard in the vast kitchen. "I don't believe these cups have ever been washed, they thought if they did it would spoil the taste of the cider."

At one time, 3,000 gallons of cider were made with apples from the farm's own orchard, pressed at its own mill, stored in the cellar under the kitchen, and used for barter, as well as at harvest time. Mr Lane plans to take the huge cider millstone with him to his new home.

With it will go many happy memories: Mr Lane recalls how the cider cheese left from apple pressings was dumped in a field to be found by the farm's unsuspecting pigs which, after staggering drunkenly about the field, slept off their hangover for several days.

The family has a collection of horse brasses and can remember shire horses working on the farm until 1952. "We had an old curthorse called Short because he was so tall, and a mare called Bonny, and I remember a cob who kicked the hen-house to pieces because he wanted the chicken

"When I was eight, my parents went into town one Saturday when I had a friend come to play. We harnessed a shire horse and hooked up the cart and went to gather some wood. But a log I threw at the cart touched the horse's rump and it bolted, luckily missing the trees in the orchard. We came running back to the farm to find the cartwheels stuck in the door of the stable where the horse had tried to get back in."

He remembers how the milk churns travelled by rail, and mushrooms picked from the fields were also sent by train to market.

Hooks from the old bacon rack still hang over the Rayburn in the kitchen, and the family's Sunday joint always came off the farm. Under the vinyl flooring are the original stone flags, while the floors

in the corridor leading to the large dining room and a drawing room are undulating old oak.

The house is currently arranged with four first-floor bedrooms and a disused room on the second floor, but a new owner might consider rearranging the first-floor rooms to allow staircase access to a third floor which is used by the Lanes as an attic but could provide one or two extra rooms.

Mill Cottage, which incorporates the old dairy, was refurbished four years ago to provide a cosy two-bedroomed home with a garden.

Mr Lane chewed over the move for five years before deciding it was the best way to preserve and develop the rest of the farm for Andrew, who hopes to go to agricultural college before continuing the long farming tradition at the family's 100 acres. now used for arable and beef farming. "It's sad to go, but we'll only be down the lane from the half and will be able to wave as we pass," he said.

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Cottage industry takes on new look

to Mouse Resuscitation has drawn busi-Newton station in Dorset: more precisely, to Boon Telecottage, housed in the former waiting room and station master's office, circa 1856. Boon's Mouse to Mouse Resuscitation scheme advises companies on equipment,

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which they install and ensure works productively. The telecottage also hires out equipment to allow small firms to experiment.

This month Boon moved to newly built premises with a Victorian appearance in Dorchester. They form part of a housing and light industry scheme, blending modern and period styles. The Poundbury Development is a joint venture by West Dorset District Counand C.G. Fry & Son

Boon typifies many telecottages, or telecentres: a drop-in centre in unlikely premises, bringing training and employment to rural areas, combined with business services.

Drew Llewellyn, Boon's manager, says clients range from businesses in London and Birmingham to farmers and fish farmers

In 1993 Britain had 60

says the workplace is undergoing an unlikely

revolution

nearly 160; by the new century there will be 250. Cottages sometimes grow on an existing business; others are supported by local authorities and development and enterprise agencies through the European Union. Some are community centred, others grow into successful businesses

The first cottage opened in 1990 in a converted cobbler's shop in the Forest of Dean. The latest started this summer in a flat above Barclay's Bank at Acle. Norfolk. In Witshire. Codford's contage supplies business services and a Job Centre noticeboard in the village hall, while Mere's is located in the library, to which

Old buildings are often adapted. In Wales, a school and a mill were converted and in Derbyshire, the Peak Park telecontages. Today there are Trust converted a listed farm-

it offers facilities in return.

House telebusiness centre. Between the channel and the mountains at Sutherland, storage for venison is now a teletraining centre, supporting small businesses with three workers, an Investors in People Award and plans for doubling its size. At the Isles Telecroft in the Shetlands. adapted from an agricultural

spreadsheeting with salmon farmers and disabled people. Many telecottages specialise in business or professional work. Suggestions in The Teleworking Handbook include a European translation service, publishing, audio-visual conferences, data conversion, book-keeping and ac-countancy and computer-

storage site, crofters learn

Kite (Kinawley Integrated Teleworking Enterprise is a successful, purpose-built cot-tage, including pre-school fa-cilities, on a greenfield site in West Fermanagh, Northern Ireland. Sixy per cent of its business is North American, handling hospital and recruitment agency records via email at competitive rates.

Telecottages will increase because they meet changing ways of working. One example is the virtual office service. giving smaller businesses a



Ellis House in Derbyshire was converted from a farmhouse and barn into a telebusiness centre by the Peak Park Trust

"front". Reply Lines provides an address, handles calls and correspondence, delivers messages (e-mail, fax or pager) and dispatches their literature. The centre, in an old Edinburgh townhouse, has clients all over Britain and is active nearly 16 hours a day. Business has grown 400 per cent in

Remote office services is another developing area, in which companies such as Rank Xerox set up distant telecentres to handle team work. This can reduce company costs and bring employment to poorer areas.

Some county councils are establishing telecentres. Surrey's high-tech centre opened last month in a listed Edwardian house at Eosom, where training standards officers and social workers "hot desk" two days a week. They save employees' time and travel, while reducing overheads.

Rural areas can expect a busy future. A £5 million scheme for Devon, Cornwall, the Scilly Isles and Somerset

provide information will work and training. Village halls will gain telecottage facilities through a project by Action with Communities in Rural England and backing from the Millennium Fund.

● The Teleworking Handbook, published by the Telework, Telecentre and Telecottage Associ-ation £13.95 (0800 616 008).

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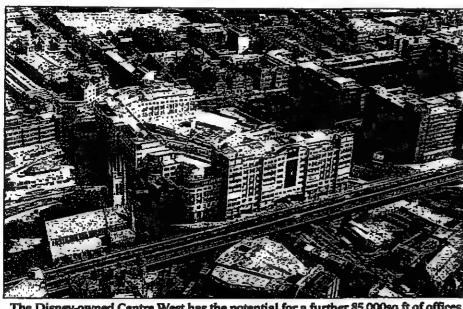
the Grade II listed Fire-London. The now re-named Wallis Building has been Grade Il listed and is being refurbished E3 million to provide offices and production facilities behind the original 1920s façade.

Texas Instruments have adopted an expensive marketing ploy in order to attract a new occupier for their former headquarters, Bedford Heights, Bedford, by offering £1 million to any company leasing the whole of the 166,400 sq ft building.

A £13.5 million Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza is to be built at Princes Dock on the Liverpool waterfront, with the backing of the Merseyside Development Corporation, which has provided a £4 million grant. The 174-bedroom hotel includes a 700-seat conference hall and health centre, and will stand opposite the Royal Liver building.

Chesterton plc has been appointed by Property Enterprise Trust, majority owner of Exchange Quay, Salford Quays, Manchester, to market the 180,000 sq ft remaining unlet in the largest single speculative office development in the

Christopher Warman reports on an area that is making the most of its excellent road, rail and Tube connections



The Disney-owned Centre West has the potential for a further 85,000sq ft of offices

Hammersmith fights back

RECENT deals in Hammersmith have had a marked ffect on the market there, belping to reduce a vacancy rate of 33 per cent when the market was in the doldrums in 1993 to 7 per cent this year. according to a survey by Lambert Smith Hampton, updating a report it published three years ago.

The firm says there is little development in the pipeline, which means that the rental growth of 20 per cent in the past 12 months is likely to continue until the previous highest rent of £32.5sq ft is bettered in the short to medion term.

fice stock of 5.4 million square feet, of the largest in London. The area acquired prominence in the late 1980s ecause of its road, rail and fered badly in the recession.

The Ark, alongside Hammersmith flyover, stood for years as a reminder of the fate of many buildings com-pleted just before the recession bit but now all 147,000sq ft of it is leased to Seagram at £23sq ft. Last year Disney leased 140,000sq ft of the Centre West scheme at £25sq ft from Slough Estates and Hypobank, and later bought the freehold for £88 million. This year Slough Estates sold

the remainder of its freehold interest to Disney for a rumoured £50 million, so that in effect Disney now owns the whole site, which includes potential for a further 85,000sq ft of offices.

The result is that "the previous flood of vacant space is rapidly turning to a drought, with no prospect of any substantial new development flowing on to the market in the immediate future," Mark Tillson, head of business space at Lambert Smith Hampton, says.

The one big scheme under way is that of Hammersmith Embankment office park,

732,000sq ft of offices. BZW ments are behind the scheme. advising BZW and Landmark Developments, say the first two buildings are de-signed to provide 125,000sq ft and 66,650sq ft of space, each with parking.
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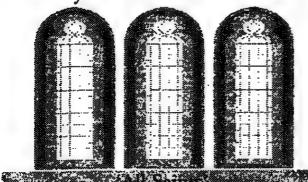
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Kate Newton and Sinai, her moated manor house in Staffordshire. The two wings may originally have been two separate houses, built by monks in the late 16th century. Ms Newton hopes to take up residence next autumn

to convert a large, old and neglected house into a comfortable modern home without damaging the historic fabric is a daunting task for anyone. When the house is not so much old as a virtual ruin, and when the anyone is a 31-year-old woman with a full-time job in public relations, it might seem a near impossibility.

But Kate Newton's sunny, relaxed disposition seems more than up to coping with such challenges. Three years ago Sinai House, a moated Tudor manor on a hilltop overlooking Burton-on-Trent, in Staffordshire, might have seemed beyond salvation; today the stonemasons are at work on the east wing and Ms Newton hopes to take up residence as lady of the manor

"I was frankly looking for something a lot more conventional, such as a Georgian farmhouse in need of modernisation," she admits. "But when I saw Sinai it was a case of love at first sight."

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Obsession: the story of the PR lady and the Tudor manor

the house is a beauty, with magnificent oak-beamed walls and ceilings and four splendid circular brick chimneystacks.

The two wings are thought to have originally been two separate houses, built by the monks of the nearby Burton Abbey in the late 16th century as convalescent homes for ailing members of the community and deserving laity. After the Reformation they were linked by a Jacobean central section to form a

The moat surrounding Sinai Park is fed by hillside springs which were instrumental in the development of the local brewing

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Royal Air Force and suffered the unusual depredations from use by the armed services. An attempt was made D after the war to rehabilitate it by converting it into six dwellings for farm workers, but it was later abandoned. The house was condemned as unfit for human habitation and the space beneath the overhangs of the Tudor west wing suffered the final indignity of being embellished with brick and concrete walls at ground level to house

a local farmer's pigs.
It was rescued from near-terminal decay in 1988 by Rodney Butcher, who planned to spend £650,000 on restoring it for residential use. But his company ran into ceased three years later. However, Ms Newton is happy to concede that without his intervention the place would probably have been yond saving.

Having been brought up a few miles away in Derby, she had heard of the house and learned that it was for sale but had no idea what to expect when she fought her way into the surrounding undergrowth. Enchanted but daunted, she made was she felt was a derisory offer of a fraction of the asking price. To her amazement it was accepted.

For the first few months she laboured single-handed to remove the accumulated rubble, which more than a dozen skips. and carpenters under the supervision of Peter Brownhill, of Duvall Brownhill, a Lichfield firm of

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been larrie fixed ty of idge ning own also was for he hervistice of the the larrie for the larrie for ng Ms Newton is delightfully vague about the eventual cost of restoring Sinai, which she admits has become an obsession. She estimates the east wing alone will need £100,000, nearly half of which which will be met by grants from English Heritage. She has failed to persuade English Heritage to contribute to the cost of installing a staircase because she cannot show where the original was, but praises the organisation for its flexibility. "All it really wants is to see the

building saved." she says. In the meantime, she has had to content herself with restoring the garden and planting trees and an orchard. She is keen to move into the house as soon as possible electricity and water have already been reconnected - if only to deter vandals, mostly local children. They call it the haunted house," she says, "and in a way I suppose they're probably right."

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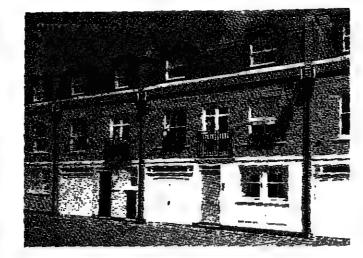
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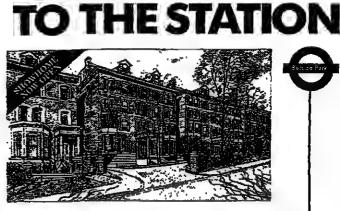
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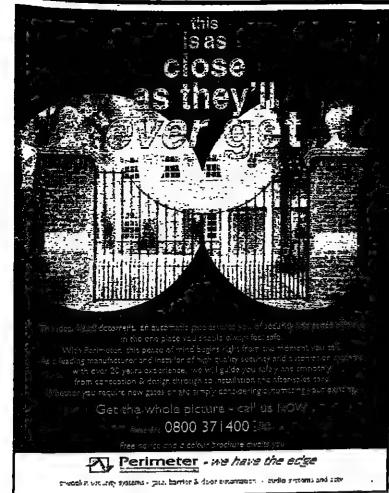


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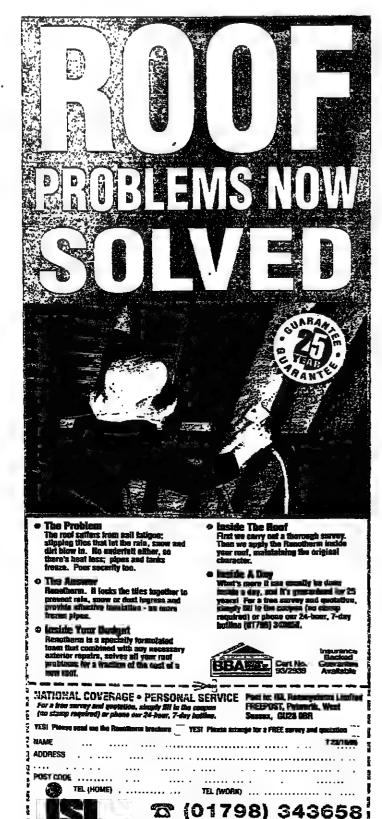
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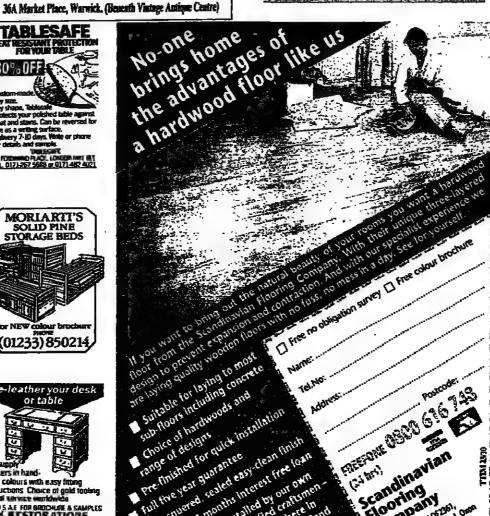
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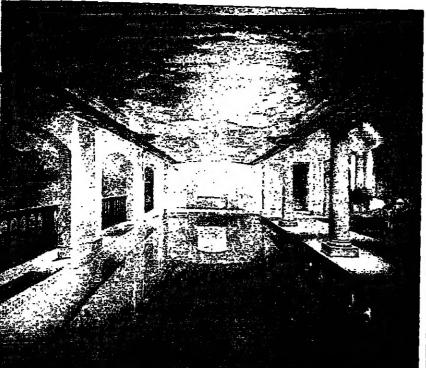
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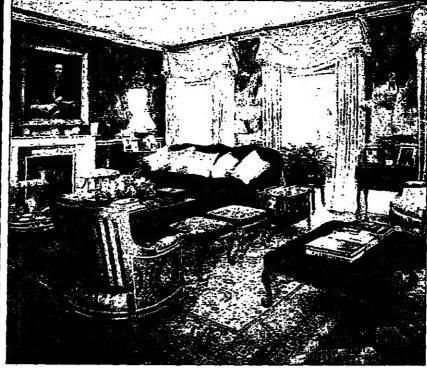


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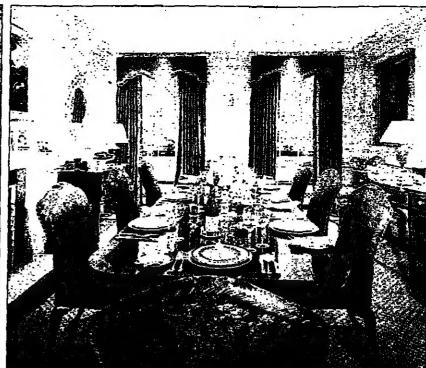








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Relax in spendour among classical columns in the underground swimming pool, left; just the place to curl up with a good book at the end of the day, centre; the ideal room for throwing a dinner party, right

Live like a lord in millionaires' row

Fancy a house in a Grade II-listed Georgian terrace in London with swimming pool and a park-size garden? Take your pick from two dozen, says Rachel Kelly

o find one house in London with an underground swimming pool is rare. To find 25 in a row is excep-tional. Earl's Terrace, which is parallel to Kensington High Street, in west London, lies tucked behind trees. The six-storey houses enjoy the three-acre gardens of Edwardes Square plus their own 100ft southfacing gardens. The pools lie hid-den beneath their gardens.

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Well, they will do. As yet, only the show house is completed and for sale at £3.5 million, without its antiques, but the price does include soft furnishings, curtains and carpets. The contrast is vivid between the perfectly restored house at one end of the terrace and the chaos of a mammoth building site that is the rest. Would-be buyers be warned: don't get lost as 1 did on the building site. The project is expected to take two years to complete.

The idea is that buyers will be able to choose between an underground pool plus sauna and spa bath, and a sports room. Houses with a swimming pool cost £250,000 more than houses with a

The Grade II-listed Georgian terrace has been restored by Northacre, the developers led by John Hunter. The terrace was after 24-year-old William Ed- about the development. Those who wardes, the second Baron Kensing-

ton, inherited a 250-acre rural

The second baron granted a 99year lease to a Frenchman. Lois Leon Changeur, and in October 1811, Daniel Sutton, a Wilton carpet manufacturer, bought the ground rents on the terraces.

Subsequent residents included Mrs Elizabeth Inchbald, the novelist, dramatist and actress, who lived at No 4 in 1816; Thomas Daniell, the painter, who lived at No 14: the architect George Ledwell

The terrace was once the home of actors, painters, scientists and poets

Taylor, who lived at No 10; and William Hasledine Pepys, the man of science, who lived at No II; and finally, George MacDonald, poet and novelist, who lived at No 12. In 1910 Earls Terrace was split into 125 self-contained one-bedroom flats, a warren of glorified bedsits. When Northacre bought

the properties there were still 36

wished to stay have been rehoused

room sports a corniced ceiling and marble fireplaces, with three pairs of french windows which open onto an ornamental balcony to the front of the house. Each house is equipped with fire

£2.75 million.

alarms, video entry systems, hi-fi wired on every floor, TV and cable connections and the latest "scenesetting" lighting systems. The main rooms have air-conditioning which can, if need be, supplement the gas-fired centrally heated radiators and underfloor heating.

To the front of the terrace the cellars will be excavated and ex-

in newly converted flats at the end

of the terrace. House prices start at

Northacre has retained, restored

and reinstated the houses' architec-

tural features and period details from the classical façades, studded

front doors and limestone and slate

entrance halls, to the gently curving

wood and wrought-iron staircases.

Upstairs, the first-floor drawing

tended to create an underground car park, which will doubtless be a selling point particularly with for-eign buyers. The ground floor houses the dining room and a kitchen and study overlooking the gardens. The master bedroom suite, with a fireplace, marble bathrooms and a dressing room. storey has three bedrooms and two more bathrooms. There are two



Weekend retreat: unwind under the arches with a sherry and the Sunday papers in this glorious sunlounge overlooking the gardens

extra bedrooms in the basement. about £ 200,000.

"My idea of designing was that

the interiors should complement

The gilt mirrors have been aged and the bedroom furniture prettily painted. Ms Green runmaged in

antique shops and hunted out bargains in Bermondsey's Friday market. There is pink and white sprigged Sevres porcelain in the kitchen and cloth-bound old books in the sitting room. The idea is to create a lived-in look.

Would I buy one? The pluses are the undoubtedly pleasing proportions of the houses, the joy of a swimming pool and car park, 100ft gardens and the prospect of overlooking Edwardes Square. I am not sure that I would want to be cheek by jowl with neighbours living in near-identical houses, for all the talk of bespoke development. And it is slightly too near to the West Kensington. Olympia end of

There's real snobbery for you. but then one can afford to be snobbish if spending £2.75 million. If I had it. I would.

The show house has been deco-rated by Lifestyles, Northacre's inthe impressive architectural details," Ms Green says. "The conhouse design company. A team of tents, silk, damask or tafetta, and 60 people - from specialist paintthe antique furniture came from all ers and muralists to curtain hangover the world. A lot of the ers and carpet makers - worked wallpapers and carpets have been for four weeks under the eye of specially made and designed by Helen Green, the head of the design company. The cost was

The project is expected to take two years to complete

wallow in

their

glory

Peter Brown learns how cherubs, nymphs, sundials and even weathered urns can make the least exciting back garden interesting

Turn the garden over to the gods

Landas Wyborgh is throwing his garden open to the public. by appointment. Not that he knows a daisy from a dahlia, you understand; but there's more to his garden than plants. "Just look at this," he says, poring over a sundial, "A Thomas Wright, 18th century. These are making silly money at the moment." It is clear where his interest lies.

Dolf (as everyone calls him) collects and deals in antique statuary, much in vogue at present and his gardens are currently being rethought by the designer Penelope Hobhouse to display his ornaments to best effect. This has provided her with an unusual

challenge. "In a sense, designing around a focal point is a help, she says. It's rather like being told by a client that there must be a ceanothus in a corner. But then, there's nothing permanent about Dolf's statues: they can be bought and replaced

at any time." Her specified plants have been ordered, and transformation is under way. Dolf bought Dunsborough a

year ago. It dates from the 16th century, with Georgian additions. and its gardens cover nearly 10 acres. They include a sunken garden, a water garden with five descending ponds and a secret garden with a magnificent 300-

vear-old mulberry.

Most of the gardens are lawned and walled. Against one wall Hobhouse has designed compartments - a rose garden and a white garden — to complement

two antique patterned cisterns. Centrally placed, they seem to glow with new-found importance. "Originally," says Dolf. "they would have stood next to the house and you'd have washed yourself from them before you worried about the garden."

olf's theory of gardening

is simple: in the begin-ning was the statue, probably a Greek or Roman god. The plants were an afterthought. Classical themes resumed their popularity when the Grand Tourists re-Antique turned with souvenirs. And though most modcisterns ern gardeners have no idea who these ancient

gods were we still go for them in ever-increasing numbers. At Dunsborough, as you enter the gardens. an 18th-century marble Diana with hunting

dog greets you from a gap between hedges. A few corners later. Mercury is poised on his plinth on a lawn by a pond. The convergent lines of the yew alley behind him set him off perfectly. "Early 20th century," says Dolf One of my favourites."

Padding like a huge but friendbear through his open-air showroom of urns and busts, lions and eagles, fountains, armillary spheres and sundials. Dolf is obviously in his element. He loves antique statuary; but he came to it

relatively late. The son of a Dutch insurance



Dolf Sweerts de Landas Wyborgh with a lead American eagle, circa 1800, valued at £30,000

broker, he was educated in England, mainly at a school for dyslexic children near Rye. It was wonderful. They felt sorry for us. I did very little work." After that came national service in Holland and, back in Britain, some serious

West Country. Then I built boxes salvage business, and I started

in Manchester. Eventually I turned to my wife and said: 'I can't do this any more. I'm so bored.' I sold the last of my property interests three months before the crash in the mid 80s. It was sheer

"I had nothing much to do, but "I used to convert barns in the a friend was in the architectural

driving round the countryside with him. He sold me some things, but I decided he was making too much profit. So I took some stuff to the Fine Art and Antiques Fair at Olympia and started selling myself. After property, it was very nice to sell things

that can move." Not that Dolf is in any obvious

out thinking does not come natuconfesses. He Dunsborough, mainly for its location at Ripley on the junction of the A3 and M25, but also for its history and character: "Elizabeth

nights here," he remarks drily. His wife Caroline and their four children love it. Much of the land was laid out in the 1930s and '40s by Oliver

Taylor spent one of her wedding

Simmonds, MP. an aeronautical engineer, whose fortune, as Doif A marble understands it, was derived from the fortu-Diana itous purchase of the original design of the greets you self-locking nut. Simmonds built the from the

gate house, with its gargoyles — "They're from the Palace of Westminster. The MPs

get first choice when they're replaced." He also planted miles of yew and carved his initials inside the ornamental bridge he built over the mill stream. The carp below are said to be the descendants of those kept at

Newark Abbey nearby. Dolf is picking up where Simmonds left off, but in miniature, with Japanese temples in stone, placed to catch the evening sunlight. He stops at a cherub. "It looks," he says. "as if someone has taken pot shots at its bottom. Statues are often shot at, don't know why."

It is an eclectic collection, but

endearing. Two lions sit in the yard by the hothouse, ready for transportation to an antique fair in Basel. They have the faces of puzzled Pekinese. "Came off a town hall in Belgium," comments Dolf. who scours France and Germany for new wares. He dreams of discovering something valuable in an undergrowth: no

luck so far. His prices start at £200-£300 for a small cast-iron urn, but most of the stock is £1,000-£2,000. Recently he sold a set of four French estone busts for £150,000.

Ornaments, he says, will suit any size of garden. "Wall sundials and urns go particularly well in small gardens. If you're łazy it's a wonderful

idea: put in one or two pieces of statuary and you can let the rest go, it'll still look good. With a magnificent piece you garden look wonderful. It draws everyone's eye. You achieve a great deal with very little."

hedges Penelope Hobhouse suggests that statues can look good just placed in a border, with acanthus round them. "Anything with big foliage. A statue would look very good under magnolia grandiflora. with those big glossy leaves round about."

> A flower bed has the added advantage of deterring theft. which is rife. Statues are heavy and it's harder to steal them when your lifting device is based on soil. These days the gods are fitted with electronic alarm systems.

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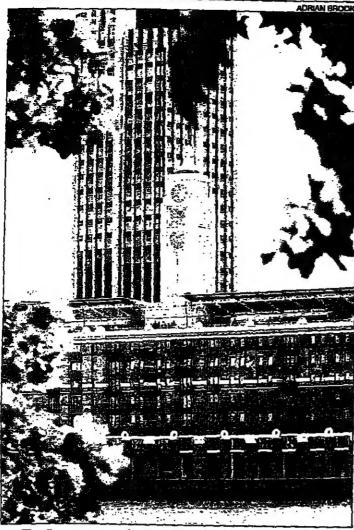
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Amanda Loose explains how side-by-side to London's most fashionable eaterie sits a low-cost housing scheme

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mighty fanfare has

greeted the opening of the

new Harvey Nichols res-

Ltaurant and brasserie,

complete with the glamour of the

ladies who lunch and city folk

striking breathtaking deals over their grilled, spatchcocked poussin.

landmark on the London skyline, as well as the social scene, the red

etters on the art-deco tower light-

ing up the night sky, and the glass-

fronted restaurant and viewing

platform designed by the architects

The Oxo tower is already a new

The Oxo tower, on the South Bank, above the flats complex with tenants' balconies where the old loading bays used to be and, right, diners enjoy the view at the new Harvey Nichols restaurant

Take one Oxo tower, a pinch of co-operation, and everyone's happy

Lisschutz Davidson, catching the eye of passing tourists. Below, is a food court which will open at the end of the year, and on the ground floor there are design workshops which are already luring passers-by with their engrav-ings, rugs and other designs.

But side-by-side the most fashionable eaterie in London is a scheme for low-cost housing for 200 people in 78 flats, just floors away om the restaurant, though no

It is an ironic mix of high-tech fashion with the worthy provision comes, a truly eclectic development.

The one, two and three-bedroom flats have a separate entrance and a lift from the commercial parts of the building, but share the same panoramic views. The third-floor launderette has views of St Paul's Cathedral, and each flat has a alcony where the old Oxo loading avs used to be.

The spacious and light interiors have large windows, sweeping views of the Thames to the north, with the tree-lined Embankment between Blackfriars and Temple gardens. To the south, lies Crystal Palace, visible on clear days.

The site is owned by Coin Street Community Builders (CSCB), and the flats are leased to the Coin Street Secondary Housing Co-operative (CSS), which in turn subleases the flats to the Redwood Housing Co-operative. The Oxo Tower is part of 13 acres of riverside land bought from the GLC for El million by a community action group, which became the CSCB in 1984. The group had been lighting against development plans since 1974, which proposed a massive office complex, including Europe's tallest skyscraper, on the South

Before the Redwood Co-operative. CSCB developed the Mulberry. Palm and Lime Co-operatives which also provide low-cost hous-

ing, all close to the South Bank. The CSCB needed to raise £20 million funds to develop the first phase alone. So selling the lease to Harvey Nichols for the roof-top

the developers hope, helping to attract other retailers. The second phase of the Redwood development will include a Thames discovery centre with a ond-floor flats and the proposed

restaurant made most commercial

sense, not only raising funds but.

offices and training centre behind. The covenants attached to the land meant the site had to be developed to provide low-cost housing for those in desparate need. We developed the community housing as a co-operative because it is a way to give each tenant, as a coon member, control over their housing," says CSS housing director Christine Czechowski.

"It gives the tenants a sense of pride in their homes and so a better living environment. It also means that they can't exercise any rights to buy, so the property remains for the people it was originally set up to house: those in serious housing

Half of the tenants were drawn from CSS's mailing list, and were people with strong links with the area, or who have low-paid jobs in central London. The rest were nominated by Lambeth and Southwark Councils.

Before Adrian Northover and Susan Lynch could move into their flat with their two-year-old daughter, Rosa, last December, they had to complete a 27-hour training programme. Like all the 130 adult tenants of the Oxo flats, the couplewere members of the Redwood Housing Co-operative, responsible for managing and maintaining their accommodation, budgets.

The co-operative is run by central management committee of tenants, with membership, finance. maintenance and health, safety and social sub-committees. The weekly rents, which range from £65.90 for one-bedroom fist, to £103.07 for a

Ms Czechowski ran nine threehour training sessions with Ash

tenants themselves, and cover the

Charlton of Ace Training, aiming to help the new tenants to work as a

unpleasant as possible to annov your neighbours," says Ms Czechowski. "This would show members how to deflect situations and turn them around. It was tremendously successful. We do have certain ground rules, such as no personal insults at meetings,

otherwise some could turn into bloodbaths in five minutes."

The group also ran a mock meeting with all 130 members to debate contentious issues, such as whether members with riverside views should pay more rent as only half of the flats face north, and who should have first priority for the limited car parking spaces avail-

able for members.

We tried to evolve a parking space policy with members, so they were actually involved in the allocations." says Ms Czechowski.

The greatest advantage of the training, say Mr Northover and Ms Lynch, is that it helped them to meet other members of the cooperative. "We moved in with a sort of respect for the other tenants. We had met them before and all felt that we were really trying to get along," says Ms Lynch.

The co-operative holds a general meeting every three months. Mr Northover is a floor representative, responsible for dealing with problems such as noisy neighbours, and also on the maintenance committee, responsible for changing light bulbs, sorting out plumbing problems and such like.

As a co-operative, we are all involved in sorting problems out," says Mr Northover. "Where we lived before, on the other side of Blackfriars Road, all complaints were dealt with through the council. But if we can talk to each other, problems don't get bigger.

Now we are actually dealing with situations, we know what we need to do; at the training stage, things seemed a little abstract. In one of our last meetings we had a team-building exercise, where the chairman tied us all up with

The couple are also involved in the co-operative's newsletter, which includes local news, as well as stories about the tenants themselves. Ms Lynch has found this has given her the opportunity to do different things, such as using a friend's computer.

Parents with young children also share babysitting, and the children have plenty of room to play together in the wide corridors on each floor, Ms Lynch says. And already, a baby has been born in one of the flats. The family were able to celebrate with a bottle of Harvey Nichols champagne, sent to them as a gift from the restau-

How to hire an interior decorator

re interior decorators just for the wealthy? Caroline Clifton-Mogg, contributing editor to Harpers & Queen and the author of numerous decorat-ing books, says: "The time has come to correct the misconceptions about cost. Decorators are serious about their work and how they charge." The Interior Decorators

and Designers Association was formed in 1966. Christine Searle, from the IDDA, says that many of its 300 members work on a fee basis. They, in turn, obtain competitive quotes from tradespeople.

"Other decorators buy ma-terials and furnishings at wholesale prices and charge you the retail price," says Ms Searle. Others charge by the hour, and still others use a combination.

Ms Searle says clients should not be scared about talking about money. "Decorating is a job. You should agree the fees before the job begins and negotiate a contract by which both parties can abide."

Do your homework before hiring a designer, says Fleur Rossdale, organiser of the British Interior Design Exhibition. "Ask them round to your house for a flat, for hourly fee, and ask them for advice. Cut pictures from magazines to show them what sort of room you would like. Keep fabric cuttings and swatches. The more information you give them, the

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There do you find a decorator in the first place? The IDDA is a good starting point. Designers must satisfy the association that they have the required skills and training and prove that they have an established business of several years standing that operates in a professional manner. They have a directory of members and associates and a database at their Chelsea Harbour headquarters where you can see a decorator's look.

Ms Rossdale also runs an advisory service and can often match would-be client with decorator. She charges £50 for an hour's consultation, and recommends a designer who will suit her client's personand design requirements.

"If some one hires the wrong designer for their particular project, it can be absolutely disastrous." says Ms Rossdale. The list of experts in the box on the front cover should help.

The cautious could consider letting a designer loose on a single room, perhaps an insignificant one, to see how they work. This incidentally, says Ms Clifton-Mogg, is what most people do.

The decorating magazines can be a good source of ideas. House and Garden runs a regular column in which elients discuss their decorators and vice-versa. They give a nice flavour of the personalities of some of the better

"It's worth getting it right" Ms Searle says. "You will be spending a lot of time with your decorator. For many people it transcends a business relationship. The right designer will develop your confidence in your own taste."

RACHEL KELLY

Training Food court centre Shops and cafes SECOND PHASE

How living on 'Mars' could save the countryside Christine Webb on plans to encourage people to work, rest and play in towns and cities

reating general rules to guide good quality urban design is almost as elusive as writing the orchestration for a choir of angels: in complex areas the planners have many tunes to dance to, and some themes clash.

So John Gummer, the Minister for the Environment has been keen to conduct a kind of experimental overture that will lead to a scure to help create heavenly towns in the future. His department's Urban Design Campaign aims to encourage

planners and developers to recognise the importance of good urban design. If it succeeds, the benefits could be far-reaching, especially in view of the housing projections that suggest we will need to create more 4.4 million new households by the year 2016. For, if we wish to preserve our countryside by attracting people to live in towns and cities, we must develop townscapes that are good-looking, offer a pleasant lifestyle, and

provide the right amenities. To look at practical solutions for real problems thrown up by real towns, the Department of the Environment invited developers. councils and architects to submit planning proposals for actual siles. Out of 100 applications. 21 were selected as case studies and provided with modest funding for public consultation or the development of design frameworks. Most of the selected studies provide for mixed development

including housing, in line with current policy which could be dubbed "Think Mars Bar": it encourages people to work, rest and play in one area by providing offices or factories, homes and entertainment within walking distance of each other, so that there is no need for a car.

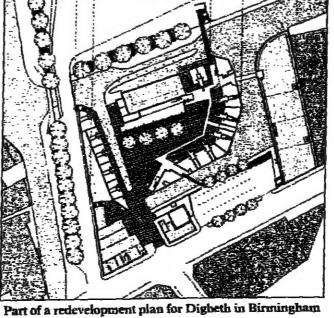
r Gummer hopes such planning will bring people and life back into the heart of our towns and cities". A classic case in point is industrial Digbeth in Birmingham, where only 40 people live. despite the fact that it is a fiveminute walk from the city centre. Warwick Bar. Digbeth, a semiderelict canalside industrial site, is one of the 21 case studies. It is a difficult site, bounded by a giant banana storehouse, and a large warehouse that was once used to store dates for HP Sauce.

A design study of the proposals was worked on by architects Fielden Clegg with a steering

group, which in-cluded British Waterways, the University of Central England and the City Council, in collaboration with the local community. Several community workshops were held and key principles for the site emerged. These included retaining existing his-toric buildings. such as the warehouses, and restoring the canal, where it had been

filled. in the centre of the site. The proposal is to use some of the existing buildings for offices and light industry.

while converting the former date warehouse into an exhibition space, perhaps involving Birmingham's industrial heritage. The banana warehouse could be



converted into a canalside pub or into the dynamics, in the hope of

Woven into this existing landscape would be two new terraces

scape, planting and improved pedestrian access to the canal frontage could make the area an attractive place to live, work and play. The results, in the form of drawings. mans and models, were on show earlier this month at an Urban Design Exhibition at the RIBA Architecture Centre in

hoped that land-

west London Warwick Bar was looked at as a whole to see how the buildings. streets and open areas work together. before new buildings were introduced

Portland Place,

enhancing what exists. But as the exhibition brochure pointed out. there are few aspects of urban of workshops, topped by flats. It is design that can meaningfully be

considered in the abstract. "Design solutions may be constrained by a wide range of factors peculiar to the locality, the views of the community or the realities of the prevailing market," added the brochure article.

The case studies chosen were as diverse as possible. At Bridgewater, Somerset, rapid housing expansion that took place in the 1980s bears little relationship to the local character of the town. But 1,400 more houses are to be built on farmland south of the town, and there was concern that this would merely extend the suburban sprawl.

Here, rather than having to find a way to make sense of a scrambled industrial landscape, the challenge was to inject character and variety into an area that threatened to be too bland, and is especially sensitive since it is within view of the Quantock Hills, designated an Area of Outstanding natural Beauty.

A team that included Sedgemoor District Council identified design principles based on the town's existing character and decided to establish two village-style neighbourhoods, focused on areas guided by the aim of creating a sense of place rather than being dictated to by highway consider

Several of the exhibitors have explored ways of consulting with the public, and the Environment Department will be examining their experience to discover if detailed public consultation produces good urban design. Further analysis and research will lead to a good practice guide, due for publication by next summer.

ome lessons have already been drawn: that good urban design is more acceptable to local communities; that it can promote a co-ordinated approach to development; that design briefs can be a useful tool, and that good design should be considered early in the planning

Other lessons, for example, the effectiveness of different approaches to urban design, have yet to be discovered. But it is to be hoped that the right ones unfold and will inform the planning of our towns so that new developments will harmonise with their surroundings, with each other, and with people. This, surely, will be music to Mr Gummer's ears.

A herb farm

and a chalet

are among

properties

which have

had prices

cut, writes

Rachel Kelly

been on the market for far

longer than the six weeks. which Black Horse Agencies

says is now the average time it

Most have had their prices

cut. Here are castles, chalets and even a herb farm. Even

those which haven't been cut

in price may be potential bargains. Owners weary of

For sale signs should, in

theory, be responsive to firm

offers for less than the guide

About 18 months ago, Rod-ney Blois put Cockfield Hall

on the market. It has been in

his family for 300 years but

interest was limited in the

£950.000 mansion in Yoxford. Suffolk, which has 36 acres of

land, nine bedrooms and two

hall was taken off the market.

"Some large country houses

have development potential

either as country house hotels

or for conversion into flats or

separate houses," says Hector

Wykes-Sneyd of Carter Jonas.

who are handling the sale. He continues: "In this case I

think it is most likely to be

bought as a large family

home, so there are only a

limited number of people who

Last month the property was relaunched with £275,000

slashed from the original ask-

ing price. Since then interest

has soared, and the property

has caught the eye of the rich

and famous. One viewer was

actor Jerome Flynn, of tele-

vision's Soldier, Soldier tume.

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The Herbary: a business with a turnover of £80,000 a year that's been on the market for four years, now half price



Domaine Des Colles: olive groves and a vineyard

shooting lodge. The most recent asking price was around £3,000,000 and its most recent owner is believed to be the American multi-millionaire Stanton Avery.

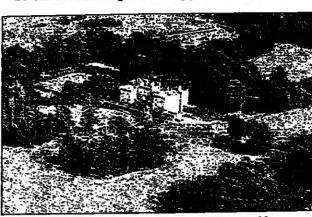
FLASS, near Maulds Meaburn in Cumbria, has also been on the market for more than a year. The Grade II* listed Palladian villa was rebuilt in the last century and includes eight principal bed-

rooms with en suite bathrooms, a coach house, staff flat and annexe, and 15 acres of

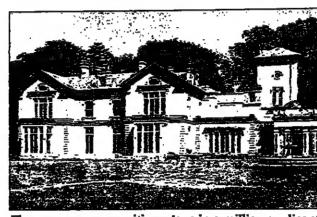
But despite its charms, the house remains unsold at £750,000. Although only 12 miles from the M6, Flass is isolated. Manchester is an hour and a half away and Leeds two hours. And it is just too big for many buyers, says Charles Yeoman of Strutt & Parker's Harrogate office, who



Cockfield Hall: original asking price cut by £275,000



Waterford Castle: golf course hasn't tempted buyers



Flass: owners are awaiting a 'one-in-a-million applicant'

is handling the sale. The market is not flooded with applicants for a house of this

Even if I dropped the price to £250,000 I don't think it would generate any more interest." Mr Yeoman says.

"The sale is not about price. It is about a one-in-a-million applicant. Our clients are in no hurry to sell. They would rather see someone fall in love with Flass, as they did."

ON the market now for 18 months is Chalet Brames, owned by British businessman Peter Scott. The property

is one kilometre away from Meribel, the Alpine ski resort. The chalet's asking price has now dropped from 20,000,000 FF (about £2.5 million) to 14,500,000 FF (about £1.8 million). There are eight bedrooms, seven bathrooms and extensive reception rooms with several sitting and dining

areas. Chalet Brames also has a billiards room, ski room and sauna with direct access to the lift system and slopes.

THE Domaine Des Colles property in Valbonne, France. has been on the market since April this year. Despite the lack of serious customers, the original price of 29,000,000 FF (£3.6 million) still stands. There are extensive olive groves and a vineyard in the property's grounds. The house contains four bedrooms and bathrooms, three of which are en suite, two reception rooms, two swimming pools and two guest cottages. Features include extensive terraces and a

THE Herbary Prickwillow, near Ely in Cambridgeshire, is a herb farm and packing 3 station that has a turnover of £80,000 a year and distributes to caterers, hotels and retailers all over the country. The business, to be sold as a going concern, is being offered for sale by its retiring owners, who will be on hand to provide assistance to purchasers for a

hand-over period. The business was first put on the market in April 1992 for £99,500, with an adjacent cottage for an additional £44,500. Although the price of the conage is unchanged; the Herbary has been halved in price to £49,750. This includes stock which is currently val-ued at £40,000 and all build-

ings and equipment. Owner Peter Petts was so distillusioned with his original estate agents that in 1994 he transferred to new agents Arthur. Griffiths and Mumford who specialise in selling commercial and agricultural

businesses. Buyers should contact Car ter Jonas for Cockfield Hall, 01-173-212656; Strutt & Parker for Flass, 01423-561274; Andrew Hay for Waterford Cas-tle, Patrick Dring for Chalet Brames and Domaine des Colles, all with Knight Frank on 0171-629 8171; William Jackson at Knight Frank's Edinburgh offices for Dunbeath Castle on 0131-225 8171; Mark Russell at Arthur, Griffiths and Mumford on 01386-765700 for the Herbary. Additional research by Jane

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Chalet Brames: ski room, sauna and access to the slopes

In addition to the castle and

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The castle has been on the

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original asking price of

Dunbeath Castle in Caith-

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